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PRIME MINISTER David Cameron took delivery of his own copy of the Barry newspaper recently, when GEM general manager Caroline Attya presented him with a hot-off-the-press issue of The GEM.

The occasion was a Downing Street reception for representatives of the local newspaper industry, where Mr Cameron spoke passionately about the important contribution that newspapers like The GEM make to society and to local democracy in the UK today.

RIDERS' £1MILLION TARGET FOR POPPY APPEAL

RIGHT: The Royal British Legion Riders' Branch attended a Poppy Appeal day at Morrisons Supermarket in Barry on Saturday, October 25, and are shown with the supermarket's community champion Mark Nicholson. Since 2004, the Riders Branch has raised £540,000 for the appeal and aims to raise that to £1million as a part of its 10th year anniversary celebrations.

PHOTOGRAPH by JOHN GREENOW

SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR £4K FRAUD

Bank employee swindled her sister-in-law, *Court are told*

A BANK employee who swindled her widowed sister-in-law out of more than £4,000 has escaped prison at Cardiff Crown Court.

by AJ SICLUNA

Anne Peterson (57) of Somerset Road East, Barry, a woman with no previous convictions, admitted a charge of fraud and was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and ordered to carry out 200 hours unpaid work and to pay costs of £2,000.

Recorder Elwen Evans QC said: "This was a very serious offence, a breach of trust in relation to a vulnerable lady.

"You took steps to cover up what you did.

"The offence showed planning and forethought over six months, a deliberate course of action."

She said others had been blamed, and the bank had denied all responsibility.

"You even implicated a co-worker. When the police became involved, you denied the offence and said the money had actually been paid to the victim."

She described her as a dishonest woman.

Prosecutor Heath Edwards said that Janet Thomas, a sister-in-law of the defendant, took out a £5,340 ISA with Lloyds Bank, for whom Peterson worked.

Peterson had worked for the bank for 40 years and helped her with the negotiation.

The prosecution said that on four occasions, Peterson made four withdrawals, unlawfully obtaining £4,360.

Mrs Thomas discovered the loss and there was a "stand off" with the manager, who denied any responsibility. It was revealed that Peterson had forged withdrawal slips and taken them to be cashed by others. She claimed that she was making withdrawals for relatives.

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PATH NEEDS REPAIRING

I AM sorry that Steve Monaghan (GEM letters, October 23) felt that he was unable to lead his U3A walking group on what is known as the 'Sigingstone Triangle'.

The Ramblers promote walking in this area, working with the Vale Council and other organisations such as Valeways, and we have informed the council of the poor state of footpaths south west of Cowbridge.

They employ contractors to repair stiles, and install pedestrian gates where possible. They have improved the path along Factory Brook, so the routes to Sigingstone should be next.

It is important that members of the public report the details of any broken or unsafe stiles to the Rights of Way Department, Vale Council, Docks Office, Barry.

Ian Fraser, footpaths officer, Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers.

Important to check walk information

YOUR edition of October 23 carried a letter from Steve Monaghan, who had experienced problems with a U3A group walking in the Vale.

He had used a Valeways leaflet and I'm writing to help Steve and others avoid some of the difficulties he experienced.

Firstly, Valeways is predominantly a voluntary organisation which has done a great deal to improve public access to our beautiful countryside, but our resources are scarce and reprinting walk leaflets is very expensive, so they do become dated.

We rely entirely on volunteers to survey paths and they report problems to the Vale Council Public Rights of Way Office.

Also, they update the information on our website, so it is always worth checking the site for the latest information.

If planning to take a group out, I would recommend also contacting our office for advice.

Steve asks about responsibility, which in the majority of cases lies with the walkers themselves to take all necessary care.

In addition to this, it helps a great deal to get involved with a group such as Valeways, who have trained and knowledgeable members and are always keen to have new and enthusiastic people helping us to look after our pathways, to the best of our ability with limited resources, mainly in our own time.

Phil Gibbins, Valeways Trustee www.valeways.org.uk

Praise for Princess of Wales Hospital

I HAVE recently returned home after spending four weeks in the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

I should like to put on record how impressed I was by the kindness, care and sheer professional competence shown to me, and others, in the ward, at all levels of staff.

This was the NHS at its best and deserves some praise rather than the brickbats usually thrown at it.

Michael Clay, Cowbridge

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'I'M 84, AND THE NHS HAS CARED FOR ME' *says reader*

THE British government is criticising the Welsh Government about their NHS effort to keep Wales healthy.

This is because many Welsh people are crossing the border to take advantage of certain superior NHS treatments available in England.

A different, but surely as important a way of assessing the quality of the Welsh NHS is from patient experience, which reflects the quality of care received by ordinary patients from their doctors, nurses and the hospital service.

My experience as a patient of the Welsh NHS has been that it has been of a very high standard – with which I am well pleased.

In 1974, my car was hit by a spinning Landrover. This dislocated my right hip. The dislocation was put right by a surgical team under general anaesthetic at St Tydfil's NHS hospital at Merthyr Tydfil. This care gave me 33 years of hip comfort.

Since moving to the Bridgend area 20 years ago, I have had a heart valve repaired at NHS Morriston Hospital (I had to wait three years for this). This was and is very successful.

I have had two hernias repaired in NHS hospitals. Last year, the nurse giving the 'flu jab' felt my pulse, picked up heart beat fibrillation, which had to be treated.

I had excellent attention two months ago, when our big strong pup pulled me sideways suddenly on Ogmore coastal path, so that I fell into a ditch with a big stone in the bottom. I lost consciousness.

My wife came with me in the ambulance to Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. There, I was taken straight to A & E into a bed and a bed bay. Many doctors and nurses came and cared for me.

Later, I developed pain in the appendix area and went to Riverdale Practice about this. A doctor there referred me to PoW Hospital, Bridgend, where they were able to prove that I did not have appendicitis. Dr Osborne of Riverdale Practice then arranged that I have an echo-sounding examination of my tummy contents at PoW Hospital and also a CAT scan of my body cavity and intestines.

This was all done under the NHS.

Last year, I had a black discolouration growing on my face. The lady doctor who saw me, took a photo and referred me to PoW Hospital, where I was soon seen by Dr P Hunasehally, the skin consultant. He explained that I probably had a malignant melanoma which he thought would be able to remove completely, only leaving a slightly deeper groove between my nose and cheek.

He saw me a few days later, removed the black part and a little skin round and under it, and made a date for the operation about a week later. By getting me to rub Vaseline on the stitched wound he managed to leave me with no scar.

He was soon able to give me the good news that the microscopic examination of the part he had removed showed that there was no cancer growing down to invade, so he would not have to do a second operation.

He saw me again recently to check all was well – it was fine. This was all done under the NHS too.

I am now 84 and generally feel in pretty good health – in no small part as a result of the care given me by the doctors, nurses and hospitals of the Welsh NHS.

Robin Eggleston, Ogmore-by-Sea

Macmillan needs more volunteers

DO you want to support people affected by cancer in your community? Would you like to work with the UK's leading cancer support charity and gain new skills and experience at the same time?

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Join us and together we can make a difference to people affected by cancer.

For further information contact: Macmillan Fundraising Support Centre on 0300 1000 200; Nicola Newhams (07872 423102) or email *nnewhams@macmillan.org.uk* or visit *www.macmillan.org.uk/volunteer*.

Nicola Newhams, Macmillan Cancer Support.

Telephone woes in Wick area

FURTHER to the telephone service problems reported in The GEM dated October 23, I can provide further criticism of the service providers.

In the Wick area, we have suffered numerous problems over the months and years, from the whole of Wick telephone exchange being out of action for 36 hours to individual disconnections, some for as long as a month.

To add to these problems, on Thursday, October 9, there was a lightning storm in the area (by no means a severe one) and as a consequence my cordless phone was permanently damaged by an overload via the telephone line.

It took quite a while for my service provider to admit this, but when they did they quickly rejected all responsibility, claiming that it was 'An Act of God'(!).

They further alleged that power supply companies would do the same, but of course the electricity distribution industry has equipment and systems to minimise damage to the network, and consequential damage in the consumer's home.

I have asked my telephone service provider to explain what precautions they take in this circumstance, but I have yet to receive a reply.

It appears that damage to customer equipment was common following this lightning storm because, during a discussion at a local gathering of six families, three have had their broadband routers wrecked and I also hear of a telephone becoming so hot that it almost melted.

The fact is that the BT has a monopoly of the telephone network in this area; it seems that this is another example of whenever private monopolies exist, they can be abused to the detriment of the consumer.

R P Sheppard, Broughton

HELP HEDGEHOGS ON BONFIRE NIGHT!

A hedgehog gets ready for hibernation.

THE South Wales based charity Hedgehog Helpline has appealed to people to help prevent the death of thousands of hedgehogs this bonfire night, by checking their bonfires before lighting them.

Sonia Davies, of Hedgehog Helpline said: "The problem is that an unlit bonfire is a five-star hotel to a hedgehog and many will take up residence, particularly at this time of year when hedgehogs are thinking about hibernating. As a result many, many hedgehogs are burnt alive."

"Ideally, a bonfire shouldn't be built until the day it is lit, but if it is built in advance please check that a hedgehog isn't inside before lighting it."

Hedgehogs, despite being voted Britain's favourite wild mammal, are in serious decline.

Hedgehog Helpline chairman Keith Jones said: "We have lost 40 per cent of our hedgehogs over the last 10 years, leaving them in serious trouble.

"So, looking out for hedgehogs on bonfire night has a big impact on their longer-term survival."

'Walk to School Month' for pupils

LEADING housebuilder Taylor Wimpey has inspired children at Barry Island Primary School to organise a walking bus to celebrate 'Walk to School Month'.

Concerns about childhood obesity levels are rising, yet walking to school is one of the easiest ways for families to increase their level of physical activity.

As part of the nationwide awareness campaign, which runs throughout October, the reception class at Barry Island Primary School took a 'walking bus', in which they walked in a group accompanied by parents and staff, to Taylor Wimpey's nearby Latitude development at Barry Waterfront.

Donna Evans, reception class teacher at Barry Island Primary School, says: "We encourage the children to walk to school to promote a healthier lifestyle and to reduce traffic outside the school, so we were delighted to organise a walking bus to Latitude as part of Walk to School Month."

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL NOVEMBER 6)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
30 Thur	10.22	8.8	22.52	8.4
31 Fri	11.23	8.4		
01 Sat	00.06	8.1	12.47	8.2
02 Sun	01.32	8.0	14.09	8.5
03 Mon	02.49	8.6	15.15	9.0
04 Tues	03.50	9.2	16.16	9.6
05 Wed	04.42	9.8	17.02	10.0
06 Thur	05.25	10.1	17.50	10.2

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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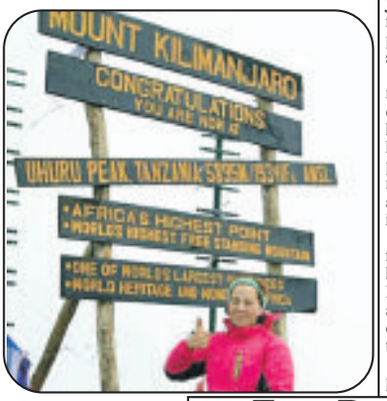
Jadine conquers Africa's highest peak - *DESPITE SEVERE TRAVEL DISRUPTION!*



RIGHT: Jadine at the highest point in Africa.

A local university student made the unforgettable ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa – despite facing the disappointment of the travel company going into liquidation a couple of days before she was due to leave for Africa.

With time runnning out, Jadine Procope (20) a student at the University of Glamorgan managed to make alternative travel arrangements with the help of the university.

Jadine did the climb to raise funds for the charity Practical Action which supports projects in Africa.

Jadine, who is from Cadoxton, said the most difficult part of the climb was the final stretch to the top.

It takes five days to walk up Mount Kilimanjaro, which stands 19,341 feet above sea level, and a day to descend.

On the way down the guides urged the the people in Jadine's party not to stop because it could endanger their lives.

She managed to raise £2,850 for Practical Action.

'SHOP BARRY LOYALTY CARD' IS INTRODUCED

'SHOP Local Barry' launched on Monday, October 20, and a number of local businesses in the town have already signed up to the scheme.

A spokeswoman explained: "The idea is for shoppers to purchase a Shop Local Barry loyalty card for just £1 which allows them to benefit from discounts and offers in participating businesses when they show their card.

"Card holders will receive a monthly newsletter informing them of the offers available with the loyalty card. Shop Local Barry will help support local businesses by promoting offers through social media and local advertising, as well as any events that the scheme gets involved with.

"We have had such positive feedback from local businesses and local shoppers about the scheme. Everyone seems really enthusiastic about the support Shop Local Barry can give not only to businesses but the town as a whole.

"We really want to encourage people to rediscover their local shops and realise that there are some amazing businesses right on their doorstep."

Some of the businesses that have signed up are Bryl's Boutique, Beautiful Lily, Expert Tech, DLF Property Maintenance, VoG Fire and Safety, Vic Hopkins Butchers, Downtown Café American Themed Restaurant, Little Big Shoes, Anastasia Beads, and FitM8.

Shop Local Barry cards can be purchased for just £1 in Beautiful Lily, Anastasia Beads, or Vic Hopkins Butchers.

They can also be purchased online from the Shop Local Barry website *www.shoplocalbarry.co.uk* where you can find out more information about the scheme and businesses involved.

If you are a local business in Barry and would like to get involved you can fill out an online form on the Shop Local Barry website.

See Facebook and Twitter for all the latest news and updates from the scheme and to enter competitions.

Community meets to discuss local flood management

AN exhibition and public meeting was held on October 22 to update the local community of progress on the Coldbrook Catchment Flood Risk Management Scheme.

The event was attended by several residents directly affected by flooding in 2007 as well as those likely to be impacted by the proposed works.

The meeting was chaired by Coun Curtis with a panel of representatives from the Vale Council, including Miles Punter, director of visible services and housing, and the project engineers.

Coun Curtis opened the meeting with a stark reminder of the flooding he witnessed first-hand in 2007, which affected over 100 houses and four schools.

The latest scheme design was then presented followed by a question and answer session. Local residents raised various issues regarding the design, impact and timing of the works which were addressed by the panel.

Concerns were raised over continued access to the Dyfan Road public open space and the loss of trees due to the construction works in this area.

Local residents told The GEM recently that they were against a lagoon there and work that had been undertaken.

The council said it intended to liaise closely with local residents over the future management of the area.

Although trees cannot be replanted within the new storage area, the council will plant trees at nearby sites to help mitigate the environmental impact of the works.

Coun Curtis said: "Having seen the devastating effect of the flooding on local residents and schools in 2007, I am fully committed to delivering this vital flood alleviation scheme.

"The redesigned scheme will afford an even higher level of protection following rigorous testing and independent checks.

"Although the loss of trees in the Dyfan Road public open space is regrettable it is also fully justified in the interests of protecting the wider community from flooding."

For further information and updates on the scheme see www.coldbrookflood.co.uk.

Free Remembrance concert will bring community together

TWO local family businesses have united to bring the community of Barry and the Vale together for a free evening of song and reflection.

Lyndsay Ellis of the Vale Funeral Service, and John Lewis of JPL Sound and Barry Music Shop, have joined together to put on the evening.

Lyndsay and John said: "It is great being able to do this for our community, and with performances from All Saints Primary School Choir, St Athan Brass Band and performances from vocalists Aubrey parsons, Gerri Smith (Vera Lynn Tribute) and local talent Llinos Haf Jones, this evening is expected to be a great night of remembrance.

No tickets are needed , so it is recommended that people arrive early to get a seat and join local dignitaries in bringing the community together.

There will be a collection at the end of the service in aid of Help For Heroes.

Further information may be obtained from Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962,

Guides' fair

A CRAFT fayre will be held on November 8 (10am-2pm) at 10th Barry Guides (opposite Romilly School).

Demonstrations at 10.30am-11am; 11.30am-12pm; and 1pm-1.30pm.

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BARRY MEN'S FORUM ARE TOLD ALL ABOUT LIFE IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

THE speaker at last week's Barry Men's Forum was Mrs Rosemary Scadden who spoke about the Solomon Islands, where she had lived with her young family in the 1970s, when her husband was a district officer, at Honiora and Gizo.

The British had been invited in to administer the group of islands, when the various races the Melanise, Polynese and the Gilbertese. were in serious conflict between themselves.

She recounted the most famous recent history of the Japanese occupation, and the American invasion to retake the islands.

There was six months fighting at Guadalcanal in World War Two, and 7,000 Americans and 22,000 Japanese were killed. It was the first Japanese retreat of the war.

When she arrived, to what she hoped would be a warmer climate, she was immediately hit by the heat and high humidity.

Rosemary recalled life was very primitive at the time, with no milk, and few western type foods.

When the 'ship came in' there would be limited tinned goods, but no television and radio for only two hours a day, and telephone calls abroad were almost impossible. She now wonders how they managed.

The ship traded Copra (from coconuts) for the food it delivered, and the 'grandmothers' at the market place, although bare breasted, had to keep their knees covered for modesty's sake.

Rosemary's most treasured memories were when royalty visited the islands, and the affect it had on the cheerful, kind and happy inhabitants, with their welcome and dancing.

Rosemary returned to the islands recently and had a number of photographs depicting how it was in the 1970s and how it has developed.

On Thursday, November 6, Group Captain Ron Powell will be speaking about 'The Battle of Britain'.

The forum meets at Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent, every Thursday morning at 10.15am. New members are very welcome.

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Citizens' Advice group in a tour of Parliament

MEMBERS of the Barry branch of the Citizens' Advice Bureau are pictured during a trip to Parliament this week, where they met Vale MP Alun Cairns.

The MP reported: "The Citizens Advice Bureau team offer residents such a wonderful service in the Vale of Glamorgan. I consider it to be a vital service. That is why I was delighted to welcome Des Hebson and the team on a tour of Parliament."

Breastfriends have a breakthrough Bake-Off

THE Breakthrough Bake-Off at Holy Trinity Church on October 18 was a great event, with many people bringing in home made cakes to be judged and then sold in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Over the afternoon, as well as cakes, were home made pies, bread and preserves on sale, as well as hand made crafts, and a total of around £550 was raised.

This money will be sent to Breakthrough to fund their research, the awareness campaign 'TLC' and support new treatments.

The local group Breastfriends meet every third Friday at Barry Library from 2pm. To find out more about breast cancer or to support those affected by this condition please come along to meet with us.

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Last year we raised £1004.95 Help us beat that this year! Book your table now!

Sculptors talk to Art Central Friends

ON Saturday, Art Central Friends played host to two sculptors from Sculpture Cymru, whose exhibition 'Journey – A Response to Place' is currently on show at Art Central Gallery, King Square Barry.

ABOVE: Sue and Gwyneth discuss other artists in the exhibition.

Members of the 'Friends' and members of the pubic had been invited to hear sculptors Gwyneth Price and Sue Roberts talk first about their own work, followed a brief talk about most of the other exhibitors and their inspiration for the work on view.

Sue Roberts' work covers both ceramic and bronze pieces, as well as paintings and photographs.

She is fascinated by the representation of the female form both now and as fashioned in pre-history.

The Friends have two more meetings before Christmas at the gallery: in November, photographer Jon Pountney will talk about his work on view in the exhibition at Art Central and in December, artist Helen Sear, who will be representing Wales at the Venice Biennale in 2015, will describe her work.

School play

ARCHBISHOP McGrath Catholic High School is performing 'My Boy Jack' by David Haig, on November 12-13 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War One.

It is a stark, yet vivid, account of Rudyard Kipling's son John, who was encouraged by his father to enlist and was killed in action in 1915.

Tickets can be purchased on the door. For further information, call 01565 815500.

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Group unconvinced by lagoon

THE next meeting of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will be on Tuesday, November 4, at 7.30pm in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

Thinking globally, we have recently seen flash floods in Athens and Genoa, washing cars down the street; drought in many areas and El Nino about to hit South America, while scientists are warning about the rapid acidification of our seas.

Thinking locally, the group is not convinced that the Merthyr Dyfan Lagoon for the Coldbrook catchment area will prevent flooding. The complete clearance of all trees and bushes in the field, was both brutal and total.

The Vale Council should amend this destruction of biodiversity by improving other areas in Barry, such as Cemetery Road.

The new housing development at White Farm may have won awards, but these were not for environmental measures such as tree planting and installing surfaces which absorb water.

The group is sorry to see houses being built on Wenvoe valley's green fields. We hope that no more of Barry's Green Belt will be lost to random development.

With the second Waterfront development going ahead, the group hopes that the docks will become a centre for water-based activities, with an extension to the small nature reserve,

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New church choir to be launched at Dinas Powys

Rev Andrew James and choirmaster James Bingham with the empty choir stalls waiting to be filled

STUDENT James Bingham, a team captain with Only Boys Aloud, is to lead the community choir planned for St Peter's Church, Dinas Powys.

It is open to anyone interested in singing, from high school age upwards, with the inaugural session on Sunday, November 2.

It is the brainchild of the vicar Andrew James who moved to the parish in the summer.

He explained: "We have got lovely choir stalls at St Peter's but no choir! I thought it was such a shame to have these fantastic facilities that weren't being used, so the obvious thing was to try and set up a choir."

The new choirmaster, James Bingham, is a student at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, where he is studying for an MA in choral conducting.

In addition to being a mentor for Only Boys Aloud, he conducts a choir in Penarth called the Cavatina Singers.

Andrew hopes that any new choir will be up and running in time to lead the singing of Christmas carols on their traditional carol service on the Sunday before Christmas.

He said: "It will be quite a challenge to have the new choir up and running in time for Christmas but it's good to have something to aim for."

Anyone interested in joining the new community church choir at St Peter's should turn up on November 2, at 10.30am.

Party at Barry church

Tomorrow, Friday, October 31, from 5.30pm to 7pm, a 'Clashing Colours' party will be held at Bethel Baptist Church, Harbour Road, Barry – all children welcome!

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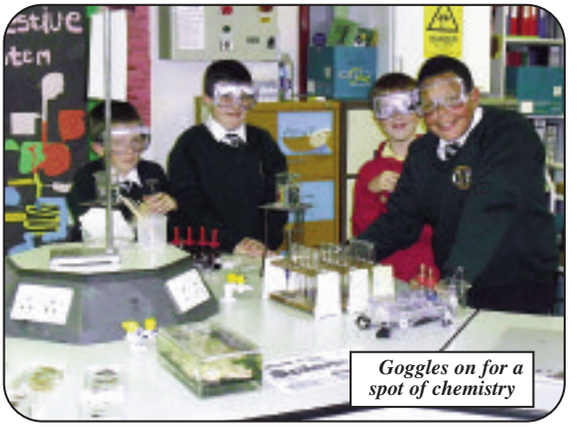
Demos and workshops for the visitors to school's open evening

ABOVE: A hands-on demo in biology

Members of the gardening club displayed some of the harvest.



Goggles on for a spot of chemistry

An impromptu drama performance in the foyer

STUDENTS and staff at Barry Comprehensive School stayed on after lessons were finished recently to welcome visitors to the school's annual open evening.

An exciting programme of demonstrations, workshops and experiments entertained and informed the visiting year-5 and 6 students and their parents and families.

Many future students joined in with the learning activities and were very motivated.

The visitors were able to quiz current students about their experiences at the school, as well as talking to teachers about the range of subjects on offer. The gardening club took the opportunity to display a bounty of crops harvested from the school garden.

Headteacher, Gerard McNamara said: "The open evening was a great success. Visitors were keen to discover what Barry Comprehensive School has to offer and were impressed by the high quality of the work showcased during the evening."

Suspended sentence for local bank worker

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An internal investigation followed. At one point, Peterson told the police that Mrs Thomas had lied and the cashier involved was also lying.

"She was casting aspersions everywhere," said Mr Edwards.

The bank will take the money owed from Peterson's pension fund.

She was said to be a woman of good character who had earned £16,000 a year.

"She has significant assets," said Mr Edwards.

The Recorder commented: "The harm she caused in this case was greater than the sums involved."

Her barrister, Byron Broadstock, said: "This is a desperately sad case for her and her family. The bank has been her only occupation and at the time the family had significant debts.

"Her current account was overdrawn by £9,000 and there had been a loan of £12,000. Her husband was awaiting a kidney transplant, and she believed she had some form of breakdown after so many years of good service. Her family has been crushed. Her children were distraught.

"In the past, she was involved with charities but now her reputation within a small community is in tatters. There has already been considerable punishment."

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

Forthcoming events in Barry

Barry Town Council would like to inform members of the public of events that will be taking place in Barry during November and December.

On Wednesday, 5 November
the Rotary Club, in conjunction with Barry Town Council and the Vale of Glamorgan Council, will be holding its
41st Annual Firework Fiesta.
This will commence at 7.45 pm and will be held on Barry Island, an event not to be missed.

Friday, 7 November at Barry Cemetery there will be a service of remembrance, and 100 local children will lay wreaths to mark the anniversary of the start of the First World War in 1914.

On Friday, 28 November
Barry Town Council will once again be working with the High Street Traders to switch on the Christmas Lights in High Street

Thursday, 20 November
There will be a schools concert held in the Memorial Hall & Theatre.
This is the third year the Council have put this event on and once again a number of the schools from the town will be participating. Tickets are available from the Memorial Hall & Theatre Box Office.

Sunday, 21 December
St Mary's Church, Holton Road, will host the Town's annual
Christmas Candlelight Service
in conjunction with Barry Town Council.

Also on 21 December the Friends of the Cemetery will be holding a candle lighting day at the Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery Chapel from 10.00 – 3.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and light a candle in memory of a loved one.

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RNLI ADVICE AFTER FLARE FALSE ALARM

Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat crew were called out to assist in two emergency situations on Sunday, October 26.

A RNLI spokeswoman said: "The first incident was just after 3pm. Members of the public had dialled 999 to alert the Coastguard after someone entered the water in concerning circumstances. However, as the crew were about to take the lifeboat out of the harbour, the Coastguard stood them down as the situation had been resolved.

"Later that evening at about 8.50pm, the crew were called out again, this time in response to two red flares. Red flares indicate distress so volunteers from both the Coastguard and the RNLI lifeboats searched the coast from Barry to Breaksea Point.

"Eventually, it was realised that the flares had been fired from further inland and so the search was called off. Richy Tutton, mechanic at Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat station said: "Red flares should not be used unless you are in an emergency situation on the water. Contact the Coastguard for advice on how to dispose of flares safely."

Volunteers left the lifeboat station after the second call out at 9.45pm.

If you are interested in helping to raise money for the RNLI and being a part of the charity that saves lives at sea, contact Chris Tutton on 01446 732195. New volunteers are always very welcome.

Penarth ramblers ignore threatening black clouds

PENARTH and District Ramblers met at the Barry Waterfront, and Barbara hastily changed her planned route to Merthyr because of lack of transport – the small group opted for a local walk.

Although the weather forecast wasn't particularly brilliant, they were lucky as no rain fell. In overcast conditions, with some black clouds hanging in the sky threatening rain, they set off along Powell Dyffryn Way past the construction site for the new Asda store, to climb steps up to Clive Road – from where they ventured downhill to the promenade at Whitmore Bay.

Tramping eastwards through the pleasure gardens and cliff path towards Jackson's Bay, they found themselves surrounded by dogs of all shapes and sizes, with their owners taking part in the Petagonia charity dog walk, which left Marco's for the journey to Jackson's Bay and back to raise funds for Velindre and the Dogs Trust.

Jackson's Bay provided a stop for refreshment before the group made their way back to Whitmore Bay, across the beach as the tide was out.

Ascending onto Friar's Point, they were buffeted by the wind for the journey along the point towards the Old Harbour where terns were spotted in the mud in the harbour.

Turning inland through the car park and climbing up Clive Road, they retraced their steps back to the Waterfront, while watching cormorants diving for fish in the old dock.

A gentle reminder to everyone, that on Monday, November 3, the group will be holding its AGM from 7.30pm at the Old Library, which is situated next to the Lee Hall in Britway Road, Dinas Powys and all are welcome. For more information, contact group chairman Robin on 029 2051 4051.

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School choir getting switched on for lights show!

YSGOL Sant Baruc choir will again be part of the ceremony of switching on the Christmas lights in Barry High Street on November 28 from 4pm.

Conductor Mrs Delwen Williams said: "The school is thrilled to be part of the official ceremony."

Celyn (year-6) said: "I love the lovely Christmassy atmosphere and seeing people's happy faces listening to us sing!"

Hannah (also year-6) added: "It's fun, and it's nice to get into the Christmas spirit."

Yasmin agreed: "It's nice listening to other schools singing their Christmas songs!"

The choir has been singing at the switching-on ceremony in Barry High Street for at least 10 years. The 40 youngsters, aged from seven to 11, practice twice a week. They love their repertoire of traditional Welsh songs and their own special medley of 12 different carols.

Ffion (year-6) said: "This year we have translated 'Walking in a Winter Wonderland', which I love!"

The choir is also proud to be performing on Saturday, December 6. alongside Barry Male Voice Choir and an RAF band in St Mary's Catholic Church from 2pm.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

NHS is major talking point

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

WITHOUT doubt, the major issue raised with me on the doorstep, in the street, by email and post is the National Health Service here in Wales.

Therefore, I wasn't shocked that a national newspaper chose to run a major campaign on the Welsh Government's health record.

What was shocking, however, was the reaction by some politicians who suggested that it was some sort of attack on Wales.

I want to be clear that it is politicians and NHS bureaucrats that are being criticised, not the committed doctors, nurses and support staff.

Those who seek to divert attention from the longer waiting lists, higher mortality rates, ambulance delays and lack of access to cancer -beating drugs are missing the point.

It feels as though almost everyone knows someone who is affected by poor medical outcomes.

The reality is that most people are getting very good care from committed clinicians – yet this doesn't mean that we should ignore those who are not.

Across the Vale, I am being stopped by people who are simply outraged by the cases being highlighted. I am too – because we all know that it could easily be one of us, a family member or friend.

Only last week, this newspaper highlighted the case of Miss Richards from Ogmore by Sea, whose family has spent over £25,000 funding a cancer drug that would be provided free of charge in England.

The Welsh Government has made choices since 1999. Now is the time for those choices to be justified. It can't be right that we are seven times less likely to have access to the latest cancer-beating drugs than patients in England.

The policy of denying lifesaving drugs to patients in their most vulnerable state leaves me cold. The anguish families must go through when the cost of a drug can eat up the life savings is almost unimaginable. The majority can't afford to finance drugs privately.

Even the most ardent defender of the NHS in Wales would surely admit that it wasn't supposed to be like this.

One of the reasons behind the campaign by the national newspaper was to highlight the Welsh Government's refusal to allow the respected, independent OECD to look at healthcare across the different nations of the UK.

What are they frightened of?

The revelations of the past two weeks has given those who have suffered in silence the confidence to speak out. I have received a significant increase in calls from people who are waiting longer than they should, or who are not receiving the drugs they need.

If you are one and feel I can help, please let me know. We want genuine scrutiny, accountability and help given to those who need it.

The response I have had in the past couple of weeks has been incredible. It is my job as your local MP to reflect those views and to act on them.

Politicians should stop deflecting criticism by claiming it is a war on Wales. Such logic would mean that any criticism of NHS England is a war on England, which is clearly not the case.

The Welsh Government should do the right thing for the sake of local patients and those across Wales. Open up to scrutiny, welcome the OECD inspection, look at the problems we face and adopt a new strategy that reflects the will of the people that use the service.

They should also apologise for being the only nation in the UK who cut health spending.

THE FORMER ST CYRES SCHOOL SITE IS FOR SALE

MARKETING agents Rawlins and Madley are now marketing the former St Cyres Lower School site for a mixed use development.

It is described as "a highly sustainable location, offering the potential for a mix of new housing and community and recreational facilities within a sought after area of Dinas Powys".

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, said: "I am delighted this important site is now on the market, and very much hope we secure a developer with the vision and ambition to deliver an attractive new development, carefully integrated with the existing local community.

"Originally this site was earmarked only for housing, but we carried out a community consultation, and after listening to local opinion, the site is now being marketed as a mixed use development, including the opportunity for community and recreational uses, as well as still providing much needed housing for the area."

Some of the most popular suggested uses for the site to come out of the consultation held in 2012 were sporting facilities, housing, and allotments.

Paul Madley, a partner with Cardiff-based chartered surveyors Rawlins and Madley, stated: "This is an outstanding development site in the sought after Vale. It is a wonderful opportunity to create a high quality residential and community use development within close proximity of Cardiff.

"I am very optimistic we will receive a great deal of interest from developers, as it is very rare for a development opportunity such as this to come to the market."

Should Aneurin shrubs be cut?

THE Vale Council is to consult with residents living in Aneurin Road in Barry to see if they would like shrubs removed from the green in the middle of their road.

Some local residents have been in touch with Coun Richard Bertin to ask if the overgrowth could be removed for safety and security purposes.

A letter will now to be sent out early in November to every household advising them of the request and to see if there any objections to the removal of the shrubs.

Works will only be carried out if 75 per cent or more of the local residents support removal of the shrubs. Residents will be given a phone number in the letter advising them as to how they can object.

Coun Richard Bertin said: " I hope that local residents' will support removing the shrubs as there has been a number of concerns raised in the past about bout highway safety and to ensure the play area has a clear view for safety."

Residents will have three weeks to respond during the consultation period.

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NEW YOUTH MAYOR IS ELECTED FOR THE VALE

Tom takes on the role

ABOVE: New Youth Mayor Tom Chandler with Coun Stuart Egan.

THE Vale Council's youth service has unveiled Stanwell School pupil Tom Chandler (17) as Youth Mayor for the Vale, with Emily Peters (15) of St Richard Gwyn High School taking on the role of Deputy Mayor.

There were almost 3,000 votes cast by young people aged 11 to 25 from schools, training providers, and youth clubs across the Vale during Local Democracy Week and Deputy Leader of the council, Coun Stuart Egan, presented certificates and badges of office to both elected candidates.

He said: "I was very proud to be able to announce the new Youth Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The youth cabinet has been a hugely successful scheme helping to give a voice to young people across the Vale, and this takes that work a step further.

"I'd like to congratulate both Tom and Emily, and thank everyone involved, including the thousands of young people who took the time to listen to the manifestos and cast their vote."

Tom Chandler said: "I am very grateful for this opportunity. I'm looking forward to taking young people's issues forward and making sure our voices are heard in the Vale of Glamorgan."

Deputy Youth Mayor Emily Peters.

Apprentice Sion shortlisted for national award

A WELL-KNOWN politician once suggested that unemployed young people should get on their bikes in search of work and Sion Hampson took that literally – as his step into the workplace is in repairing and refurbishing bicycles at Pedal Power, based in Pontcanna, Cardiff.

ABOVE: Sion Hampson.

Now Sion (24) from Dinas Powys, has been shortlisted for the Jobs Growth Wales Outstanding Achiever of the Year accolade at the Apprenticeship Awards Cymru 2014 to be held at the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport on Friday, October 31.

The awards, split into 13 categories, are organised jointly by the Welsh Government and the National Training Federation for Wales (NTfW). Showcasing excellence in skills development in Wales by learners, employers and learning providers, the awards are sponsored by Pearson PLC with support from media partner, Media Wales.

The awards recognise employers who commit to developing their workforce through apprenticeships and other work-based learning programmes, which support employees during their training.

They are also a great way to evaluate training and development, as well as a fantastic motivational factor for any work force or learner. The apprenticeship programme in Wales is funded by the Welsh Government with support from the European Social Fund.

Sion was out of work for three years prior to joining Pedal Power as part of the Jobs Growth Wales programme in March through learning provider Itec Training Solutions and has now been retained as an apprentice in customer service.

He started as a bicycle service officer, moved into repairs and refurbishment and now manages his own section, with responsibility for supervising volunteers to ensure quality and safety standards are met.

"This opportunity through the Jobs Growth Wales programme has transformed my personal outlook and significantly enhanced my future prospects," said Sion.

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COPING WITH A CANCER DIAGNOSIS

MACMILLAN Cancer Support is running a free course in Bridgend – to help people manage the emotional impact of a cancer diagnosis.

Called Helping to Overcome Problems Effectively (HOPE), Macmillan's new self-management courses will run at the Ynysawdre Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre in Tondu for six weeks on Wednesdays from 10am to 12.30pm from November 12.

"Macmillan is offering HOPE to anyone living with a cancer diagnosis. Topics the course focuses on include managing stress, fatigue and body image and living positively with the fear of recurrence," said Susan Morris, general manager for Macmillan Cancer Support in Wales.

"We at Macmillan know that receiving a cancer diagnosis has a huge emotional impact.

"Macmillan is delighted to be offering HOPE in Wales as the programme can give people the tools they need to manage the emotional consequences of living with cancer."

People wishing to attend the course must register in advance. Contact Genette Webster on 01656 867960, or email gwebster@macmillan.org.uk.

Macmillan can only fund programmes such as this thanks to the generosity of the public. To find out more about how you can help, call 0300 1000 200 or visit www.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising.

Bridgend and Vale team up on CCTV coverage

A JOINT CCTV unit which covers both Bridgend County Borough and the neighbouring Vale of Glamorgan is to be set up in Bridgend.

Cabinet members from Bridgend County Borough Council have agreed to enter into a legal agreement with the Vale Council which will see the two local authorities merge their CCTV operations.

Coun Mike Gregory, Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet member for resources said: "CCTV monitoring is a valuable service which helps to reduce crime and make our communities safer. CCTV operators can assist the emergency services by alerting them to a developing situation, track suspects, record footage used in prosecutions, direct emergency service vehicles to specific locations or help locate missing children and vulnerable adults.

"We are always looking for ways to deliver council services in a more efficient way and I welcome this collaboration with the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The partnership is cost-effective and a single, super CCTV unit based in the 24-hour Customer and Community Support Unit in Bridgend will enable us to pool our resources and provide an excellent service for the Police and residents across the two local authorities."

Coun Stuart Egan, the Vale Council's deputy leader, said: "This is an excellent example of the Vale working in partnership with our neighbours to deliver an improved service at a lower cost. The new CCTV service will operate 24/7 and enable us to work more effectively with South Wales Police to reduce crime across the two counties."

Dementia support project praised

THE Older People's Commissioner for Wales has praised The Solace project which works to improve the quality of life of people living with dementia and reduce the strain on carers.

It has encouraged hundreds of people in the area to take part in activities such as painting and drawing.

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WHAT'S ON - In brief

Rhoose History Society

THE Rhoose & District History Society is holding another of its popular talks this month and we are pleased to welcome speaker Helen Mills, a Heritage Coast Ranger, who speciality is conservation, countryside and wildlife.

Members and non members are most welcome on Friday, October 31 at Rhoose Community Hall (Lesser Hall with side entrance) to commence at 7.30pm. There is a £1 entrance charge to cover costs. **JJ**

Enfys craft fair

ON November 1, Enfys will be holding the second of three craft fairs running up to Christmas.

It has chosen the Wales Air Ambulance as its November charity.

For more information about the fair and free charity table, contact Beryl on 01446 418695 or Cyril on 01446 400149.

Flashback to 2011 when Nathaniel was in the SCBU at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

Family will celebrate Nathaniel's third birthday with a charity walk!

A PENARTH family will brave the elements to raise money for the Princess of Wales Hospital as a 'thank you' for the fantastic care given to their youngest member.

Nathaniel Goodhew was born more than two months prematurely and spent the first five weeks of his life in the hospital's special care baby unit.

Now his mum Esther, dad Robert, big brother Tom and big sister Angharad are raising money for the unit.

A hospital spokesman said: "It's not just because of the tremendous care Nathaniel had, but for the way the entire family was looked after."

Over two days next month, they will walk from their home in Penarth to the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend, with Nathaniel joining them for the final stage.

Mum Esther explained that as the family lived near Cowbridge in 2011, she was offered the choice of having her baby either in Princess of Wales or the University Hospital of Wales.

The Goodhew family.

Because other family members had received excellent care at Princess of Wales, that was the hospital she chose – only to spend far more time there than she could ever have anticipated.

Esther said: "Nathaniel was born nine weeks prematurely. My waters just broke suddenly at 30 weeks and I had an emergency Caesarean at 31 weeks.

"There were some complications. Nathaniel was very unwell and we owe his life to the medical staff who cared for him during those difficult weeks.

"He was in the SCBU for just under six weeks. He came home for three days but he became unwell, so he spent 10 days on the children's ward before he could come home again."

Esther said: "The way they looked after us as a family was also fantastic. It had a huge impact on his older brother and sister, Tom and Angharad, who were aged 11 and 10 when he was born.

"We will always be grateful for the way they were made to feel welcome on the ward, always included and always considered at every stage of Nat's stay.

"The staff's dedication meant the children were even able to have some very special memories of their first Christmas with their little brother. It made a world of difference."

To help the unit continue to provide that same high quality care, Esther, Robert, Tom and Angharad will walk from Penarth to the hospital on Saturday and Sunday, November 8-9.

They will follow the Wales Coast Path for most of the 40-mile route, in shifts with one adult and one child on each shift.

Nathaniel, who will be three on November 28 and starts nursery at Penarth's Albert Primary School in January, will join them for the final mile to the hospital.

Esther said: "He's absolutely gorgeous and a very happy, healthy little boy – we've been incredibly lucky."

Anyone who wants to support the family's fundraising can donate by visiting https://www.justgiving.com/Robert-Goodhew.

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Dinas Powys man jailed after smashing up mother's home

A DINAS POWYS man lost control after taking a cocktail of alcohol and 100 Valium tablets.

For what was described by Recorder Elwen Evans QC as a "grave incident", Ross Williams (26) of Nightingale Place, was jailed for 14 months.

He had admitted a charge of affray.

Prosecutor Byron Broadstock said that on September 25 the police went to an address in Nightingale Place after a report that a man with a stick was smashing up premises there.

They found a number of windows shattered at an address, and when they went in, Williams' 64-year-old mother directed them to her son, who was agitated and holding an axe handle.

He told her: "You called the police. Great. I'm going back to prison."

His mother at one point was between the police and her son and became hysterical.

He was taken to the floor and handcuffed, but he kicked two officers.

He had convictions for two robberies at newsagents, for which he received three years.

His solicitor, Anne Griffiths, said: "His mother continues to support him. He had taken alcohol and 100 Valium tablets, and had recently lost his job."

Said the Recorder: "It was a very nasty incident from any view at your mother's address.

"You were armed, and you used a weapon to shatter windows. You lost all reason towards your mother and the police."

She said he was fortunate in having parents who supported him.

"She has concern for you and your previous drug habit. Your behaviour was beyond all control and your antecedent history is significant."

Man held knife to his throat before attacking police

A SCHOOLGIRL who saw a distraught man holding a knife to his throat in the centre of Barry approached him and attempted to calm him down, it was stated at Cardiff Crown Court.

Later, five police officers went the home of Kyle Sulman (24) in Holton Road, where he became violent and struck a woman police officer in the groin and attempted to headbutt another.

Sulman admitted charges of possessing an offensive weapon and assaulting the police.

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said that on September 29, a 15-year-old girl saw Sulman sitting on a bin in George Street, crying. He had a kitchen knife in his right hand and was holding it to his throat.

As she approached, he said: "I need it so I can end my life," and added that his girlfriend had finished with him because she thought he was paranoid.

The schoolgirl tried to distract him, and he calmed down. He was about to give her the knife when someone shouted at him.

Later, said Mr Greenwood, five police officers went to his flat where he was challenged and became violent, assaulting two officers.

He was handcuffed and even his legs were restrained, said Mr Greenwood.

He later said he had intended cutting his throat and would have gone through with it. He attacked the police, he said "to get rid of his anger".

He added that if he had the knife during the scuffle, he might have used it on the police.

His solicitor, Adam Sharpe, commended the girl for her compassion: "It was an alarming incident. He has been emotionally scarred by his background and has often been homeless."

Sentence was adjourned for further enquiries into his background and he was remanded in custody.

PENARTH MAN IS JAILED FOR CANNABIS OFFENCE

LESS than two months after being convicted of drugs offences, a Penarth man was once again dealing in cannabis, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Bobby Bloom (24) of Masefield Road, Penarth, was either "arrogant or naive" in ignoring previous warnings, said Judge Tom Crowther QC.

He was jailed for 56 weeks. He had been convicted by Cardiff Magistrates of possessing cannabis with intent to supply and supplying the drug. He was also in breach of a suspended sentence for drugs offences.

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said Bloom was convicted on February 4.

On March 30, police searched his home and once inside, detected a strong smell of cannabis.

A search revealed five bags of cannabis, two digital scales, two mobile phones and plastic bags.

He had been supplying 15-20 friends to fund his own habit, said Mr Greenwood. He sold on a regular basis. The value of the drugs discovered was about £900, he said. No cash was recovered from the house.

The suspended sentence involved the police finding 10 bags of cannabis on him when they spotted him on the Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry.

His solicitor Anne Griffiths, said he didn't dispute the prosecution case.

He had the offer of a job, she said, and at the time of the offences, he had debts of £800.

She conceded that the amount of the drug and the repetition of such offences was an aggravating feature.

"Unfortunately, he has mismanaged his money", she said.

Said the Judge: "You have all the accoutrements for dealing and choosing to ignore previous warnings, you are either arrogant or naive."

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Out and About with The GEM

Textile expert's talk to Guild

DR Keireine Canavan, researcher and cultural expert, specialising in endangered tribal woven textiles, will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Glamorgan Branch of Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers.

Dr Caravan, head of textiles and lecturer at the Cardiff School of Art & Design, is a world specialist in traditional tribal weaving techniques and is currently engaged in her research project, Al-Sadu: Historical traditions and future prospects; and working on associated woven traditions in the Arabian Gulf region.

Traditional al Sadu woven textiles convey the Bedouin women weavers' ideals of their rich heritage and instinctive awareness of natural beauty, with patterns and designs messaging the nomadic lifestyle, the desert environment, and the emphasis on aesthetic symmetry and balance due to the making process.

The guild meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, at the Kynance Hall, Dinas Powys, starting at 7.30pm until approximately 9.30pm. Visitors welcome. Members £2; non-members £5.

For further information, email: glamorganguildwsd@gmail.com

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Barry Railway group meeting

THE Barry Railway Group will meet tonight at the Conservative Club, Penarth – all are welcome, no charge but a contribution for the speaker would help!

Thursday, October 30, at 7.30pm, 'The Golden Age of Paddle Steamers on the Bristol Channel', photos and an informative talk with Steve Rowson.

A members' evening will take place on Thursday, November 27, 7.30pm. Bring your own photos, DVDs etc and share them with other members.

Library's Halloween

THERE will be Halloween crafts (and owls) at Cowbridge Library on Friday, October 31 from 10.30am-11.30am.

Meet the owls from Owls4u and enjoy a craft session, for all ages. The event is free, but a donation to Owls4u will be appreciated.

Information service

THE Vale Family Information Service will be at Cowbridge Library on Friday, October 31, from 10.30am-11.30am giving information about childcare, children's activities and family support in the Vale.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independents will be holding a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major, on Saturday, November 1, 9.30am–11.30am.

Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, November 2, at 2.30pm, Frank Roper two fields, farms and church, starting from St Tydful's Church, Llysworney (SS 962741).

Tuesday, November 4, at 10am, Hoffi Cerdded, Hoffi Coffi, starting at Coffee Cove Café, Barry Island.

Wednesday, November 5, at 1.30am, Coffee Shop Strollers from Romilly Café, Cold Knap Barry.

Thursday, November 6, at 10.30am, 'Llantwit lanes' starting from Llantwit Major railway station car park.

Flower arrangers

THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers Club will meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday, November 5, in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall, when Elizabeth Graham will give a demonstration entitled 'Gather Ye Holly'.

RNLI display

THE Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) will be bringing its national touring exhibition 'Hope in the Great War' to a Barry gallery this November.

Commemorating the centenary of World War One, the exhibition honours the bravery of RNLI volunteers who risked their lives to save others.

Open to the public at the Art Central gallery between November 5 and January 3, 2015, Hope in the Great War continues its four-year tour of RNLI and other museums and RNLI lifeboat stations, highlighting the extraordinary achievements of ordinary people who volunteered for the RNLI throughout the war years.

The exhibition comprises a collection of original artworks which illustrate each of the six stories featured.

Cowbridge History Society

THE society's next lecture will be on Friday, November 7, at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Cowbridge.

The topic will be 'The Battle of St Fagans and the Second Civil War in South Wales 1648) by Robert Matthews.

Rat Pack Live

THE Rat Pack Live comes to Maesteg Town Hall on November 22 (7.30pm).

It includes stars from the West End in a brand-new spectacular honouring the kings of swing, Sammy Davis Jr, Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra.

Trust trip

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust members is organising a four-night break to Hayling Island, May 18–22, including a visit to the new Mary Rose exhibition in Portsmouth's historic dockyard., with coach travel from Cowbridge.

Visits will be made to local NT properties, including Petworth and Mottisfont.

Full details at vofgant@gmail.com, or telephone 01446 772325.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D850:

- **£2,000:** 806078.
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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

Autistic society's coffee morning

THE National Autistic Society, Cardiff and the Vale Branch, is holding a Christmas coffee morning in the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road Barry, on Saturday, December 13 (10.30am-12pm).

The event is aimed at parents/carers of children/adults with autism and may also be of interest to professionals working with families who live with autism.

It offers a chance to meet and talk to other parents and carers, over a cup of tea or coffee.

Also, there will be representatives from NAS Cymru and the Cardiff and Vale Parents Federation. Softplay facilities will be available for children.

For further information, www.cardiffandvaleautism.org.uk

Pitt and company show filth and Fury of wartime action....

BRAD PITT must have a taste for 'men-on-a-mission' war films. Having taken down Hitler in *Inglourious Basterds*, this time Pitt finds himself teaming up with Logan Lerman, Jon Bernthal, Michael Pena and Shia LaBeouf in Fury.

The group play the crew of a Sherman tank, led by Pitt's wonderfully-monikered Wardaddy, on a deadly mission behind enemy lines to hold their line and repel the enemy.

When their tank is damaged, the five of them must unite together to face their German foes, with their survival, and possibly the outcome of the Second World War, depending on their success...

The premise of *Fury*, and indeed the writer/director in charge of it, screams out as a genre film intent on delivering spectacle more than substance. But the mumblings over the quality of the film, with some pegging it this early on as a dark horse contender come awards time, hinted that there was a greater balance of the two elements than you would have expected – and so it proves.

Fury is a powerful and visceral film that leaves a lasting impact on you come the end credits.

The man in both the writer's and director's chair, David Ayer, has made his name delivering no-nonsense, testosterone-fuelled affairs, penning the likes of *Training Day* and the similar, yet hugely underrated, *Dark Blue*, while having taken double duty on the likes of *Harsh Times* and *End of Watch;* in short, Ayer is a filmmaker whose films concern themselves with men being men, guns and lashings of violence and crime.

That isn't to say that Ayer has suddenly toned down his skill set for this film – we're left in the company of a group of highly-charged men, facing a daily battle to stay alive, where violence and outbursts of anger and frustration are the norm – but what gives the film more weight and impact is the setting, the battlefields of World War Two resonating far more than Ayer's usual stomping ground of the streets of Los Angeles.

We see the world through the eyes of Logan Lerman's newcomer Norman, and Ayer amps up the conflict among the group with Norman's arrival,

by GARETH JAMIESON
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this young man an unwelcome addition to a collective already battle-hardened and almost numb to the severity of war.

It's a technique used in many films, but it suits Ayer's narrative needs perfectly, and as we learn more about the group, as they find themselves facing down possible death, we are taken in and feel for what, on the surface, appear to be a pretty unsympathetic bunch.

Visually, Ayer nails the grime and dirt of war, while the action beats are delivered with incredible ferocity and style, unflinching in their realism but shot through with a superb eye for imagery.

Meanwhile the quieter moments – a wave of airplanes shooting through the skies above the heads of the crew, or Wardaddy and Norman seeking solace in the 'normality' of the lives of two young German girls, offer more than just blood and thunder.

Brad Pitt may be the headline act, but this is an ensemble piece, with Pitt's Wardaddy front but not necessarily centre. Pitt is ageing into a superb actor, the much-vaunted looks giving way to performances of real depth, and he offers a similarly nuanced turn here.

The bravado and sense of duty the character has on the surface give way to doubts and fears that are only ever glimpsed at, but you know all too well are there.

While the rest of the tank's inhabitants (Shia LaBeouf, Michael Pena and Jon Bernthal) are lesser characters, they still resonate as Ayer grants them all a moment in the sun, the performances more than cutting the mustard, but Logan Lerman is the stand-out here.

His fear and lack of desire for the horrors of war are all too palpable as he grows in front of our eyes, necessity rather than choice informing his behaviour in what is easily Lerman's best performance yet.

While you can't say *Fury* breaks down new boundaries of storytelling, following a predictable path, and the sense of triumphalism may grate slightly, its incredible power really resonates, allowing you to look past its lack of originality, making for a tremendous offering.

VERDICT – Living up to the hype, *Fury* could indeed be a dark horse contender once the awards season commences. David Ayer shows a hitherto unseen depth to both his writing and direction, and marshals a superb cast into delivering excellent performances, in what is an incredibly powerful piece of filmmaking. *Must see*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Das Boot* (1981), *Band of Brothers* (2001).

Trading standards advice session

TRADING Standards and Age Connect Cardiff and Vale are holding an advice session at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday November 4 from 10am to 12 midday.

Vale of Glamorgan Trading Standards will be available to talk on any issueand will be able to advise and help. Contact 01446 732385 or just come along, no appointment is needed.

Free mental health course

THE Vale Council-led Barry Communities First, in partnership with Journeys Mental Health charity, is running a 'Feeling Well Coping Better' course for those aged 16-24.

This free course is aimed at those who are feeling stressed, anxious or depressed and will help people develop coping skills to help improve long term mental health.

This six-week course starts on Tuesday, November 11 (5.30pm-6.30pm) at the Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry. In order to be eligible for this course you must live in a Barry Communities First area which includes Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland, Court and Gibbonsdown.

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BARRY ISLAND FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

WEDNESDAY, 5th NOVEMBER

Get ready for Rotary's Fireworks Night Fiesta!

by GEM REPORTER

'One of Barry's most spectacular events!' – that's how Carl Kerr, chairman of the Rotary Club of Barry's firework committee, describes the annual display that thrills thousands of people each year.

This year's event is the 41st Fireworks Fiesta and takes place on Wednesday, November 5. The event is supported by both the Vale Council and Barry Town Council.

Carl told The GEM: "It seems no time since I first took on the Fireworks Fiesta in 1983. It was then in its 10th year and 'fired' by Rotarians in Romilly Park. There were crowds of 3,000 to 5,000.

"Now, after trying various venues, including Lakeside at the Knap, we have settled on Friars Point to the west of Whitmore Bay on Barry Island.

"The event attracts some 15,000 people and is truly a spectacular display, attracting not just Barry people but those from the south Wales valleys, Cardiff and beyond.

"Thanks to the choice of location, there is plenty of entertainment, along with shows for visitors and spectators to enjoy."

Carl explained that the whole display is free.

"The event also has musical accompaniment and there is no admission charge because our major sponsors, Barry Town Council and the Vale Council, meet a great proportion of our costs.

"We do, however, rely on our bucket collections which, largely owing to the generosity of the viewing public, helps us to fill our charity coffers so that we can respond to local needs.

"Recently, we have provided four cardiac defibrillators and training for their use, and a number of nebulisers for asthma sufferers, as well as assisting local action groups as required.

"One group we plan to help is 'Riding for the Disabled'.

"This year's display will be dedicated to Ceri 'Griff' Griffiths, a committed Rotarian dedicated to the Rotary principle of 'service above self'.

"Griff succumbed to injuries suffered following an accident at the Hawking Centre. He will be remembered by his fellow Rotarians with fondness, respect and gratitude for his service to the community and our sincere commiserations go to his wife, Norma and the family."

Robin Pitcher, the president of the Rotary Club of Barry, told The GEM he hopes the Fireworks Fiesta will be even better than last year.

"We will be holding it whatever the weather brings, except, perhaps, gales, so please ignore any rumours to the contrary.

"Pendragon Fireworks, based here in Wales, promise that this year's display will be better even than the last.

"We implore everyone attending to donate at least £1 into the collecting buckets to assist the future funding of this event. If everyone gave at least £1, we could ensure the continuation of the event, and help deserving causes so much more."

There is parking available at Barry Docks Station and Barry Station, and people can take the regular Arriva train service to Barry Island. (For times visit www.arrivatrain-swales.co.uk or ring 08457 48 49 50).

At Hood Road there is a train service too. The Barry Tourist Railway will be operating a park and ride service from Hood Road Station (the Waterfront to Barry Island Station) from 6 pm to 9pm. The cost is £5 a car load.

The Rotary Club of Barry apologises to the residents for the inconvenience caused during the road closure period (5.30 pm – 10pm).

Bucket Collection

Parking £2 per car

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

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WEDNESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2014

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WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedules hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedules will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulations shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof listed in **schedule 1** shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of Emergency Services and Coastguard vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of schedule 1.

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Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Wednesday 5th November 2014	**Paget Road** between Harbour Road and its cul de sac end near the lifeguard station including the un-named section of road to the side of No19 Paget Road (excluding the lane). **Station Approach Road** throughout the length, including its gyratory of the roundabout at Whites Corner. **Breaksea Drive** from its western junction with Adar-y-Mor to its junction with Station Approach Road. **Friars Road,** between its junction with Station Approach Road and Paget Road	5.30pm-10pm

Schedule 2

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Wednesday 5th November 2014	**Barry Suburb - Westward Rise, Porth-Y-Castell, Bron A Welon, Tan-Y- Fron, Min-Y-Mo'r, Pen-Y-Bryn, Marine Drive, Trem-Y-Don, Swn-Y-Mor, Cliff Wood View, Bull Cliff Walk. Nells Point Barry Island - Clos Yr Wylan, Pioden For and Clos Yr Fulfran**	5.00pm-9.00pm

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Barry Male Voice Choir end summer in Falmouth

ABOVE: Choir members at the Methodist Church, Falmouth.

A WEEKEND of summer sunshine in October was enjoyed by Barry Male Voice Choir on its recent visit to Falmouth.

Choristers and supporters made the most of the weather. Sitting, sipping and strolling provided the perfect preparation for the evening concert held in support of local charities, including the Mermaid Breast Cancer Centre.

A varied programme, including stirring choruses and traditional Welsh hymns, produced rapturous applause from the large audience.

An enthusiastic afterglow sing-along, conducted with great aplomb by choir president Gordon Mudford, followed.

Musical director Dorothy Connell and accompanist Emma Arscott enjoyed a well deserved rest and looked on.

The choir returned home happy and pleased that it had raised almost £700 for local charities.

The choir is now making its final preparations for a taster evening to attract new members, to be held at the West end Social Club Barry on Monday, November 10, at 7.30pm.

Choir president Gordon Mudford explained: "The evening is designed to give men who enjoy singing but who have not sung in a choir before a chance to find out what it is all about.

"There will be no voice test. Those attending will be given a gentle introduction to male voice singing by our musical director Dorothy Connell.

"Refreshments will be available and there will be a chance to meet choristers. It will be a friendly and informal occasion.

"There will be no obligation to join the choir, although we hope of course that some will. It's a find out night!"

More information at www.barrymalevoicechoir.co.uk.

Gordon is shown conducting the afterglow with youngest member Thomas and dad Simon enjoying the singing.

Penmark Cubs enjoy radio ham Jamboree event

LUCKY Cubs from 1st Penmark with Porthkerry were involved in a number of activities on October 19 as part of a Jamboree on the Air 'JOTA' event.

The Scout hut in Rhoose was adorned with aerials and masts and Barry Amateur Radio Society was available to help the Cubs make contact with other young people involved in scouting around the world.

Contacts were plentiful, initially from Bromsgrove and Barnstable, Northampton and London and then we were lucky enough to make contact with Estonia, Italy and Portugal.

In addition, there was a very historic happening for the pack and they witnessed a live transmission into and from space!

The Cubs had to learn their names using the phonetic alphabet and also had the opportunity to learn some morse code, and each spelled their name in code as part of their communication badge award.

This wasn't all that was going on. The Cubs also had the opportunity to make plasticine animal models, straw towers, 'brushbots', peppermint creams, chocolate houses and potato cress heads.

They also had walkie talkies to speak to each other to relay instructions to see if they could build the same lego models when in different rooms.

The Cubs enjoyed all the activities, especially those they could eat and a good time was had by all!

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The Vale AM supports Asian women's awards

Jane Hutt with Professor Meena Uphadyaya and supporters of the event.

A FUNDRAISING event ahead of the 2015 Welsh Asian Women Achievements Awards, organised by renowned genetics Professor Meena Uphadyaya, was supported by Jane Hutt AM on October 25 at Cardiff County Hall Club.

The Welsh Asian Women Achievement Award (WAWAA) project was initiated in 2010. The awards recognise the contributions of Welsh Asian Women and celebrate the success of talented Welsh Asian Women in all walks of life.

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THE GLENBROOK INN HAS A MENU FOR ALL SEASONS!

RIGHT: The popular community pub-restaurant the Glenbrook Inn.

SUNDAY lunches at the Glenbrook Inn, Dobbins Road, Barry, are something of a local institution – but the popular pub-restaurant constantly innovates when it comes to its broader menus.

Its winter menu launch is on November 10 and – as ever – it promises a wide variety of dishes to tempt any palate.

Liam O'Leary of the Glenbrook Inn explained: "Our aim is to provide great value for money dishes. In this winter's menu, we've got innovative courses, along with traditional pub classics!"

There are classics like 'Bang Bang Bang' – three gourmet sausages on a bed of creamy champ mash with the chef's red onion jalapeno jam gravy; or 'Belly up', 10oz slow roasted belly pork, served on a bed of champ mash with butcher's fiery dragon sausages, with Welsh apple cider gravy (it needs to be pre-ordered the morning of the booking).

Liam is even featuring dishes from around the globe.

Thanks to The Glenbrook's new Italian pizza oven, it will be making nine inch pizzas, 12 inch pizzas and a 14 inch 'square to share' – with toppings such as cheese, tomatos and herbs; fillets of chicken in skicky barbecue sauce topped with melted cheddar cheese; and ham, mushrooms, mozzarella and tomato.

'Treats from Al Paso' – means Mexican – and home made chilli con carne with minced beef and red kidney beans in a spicy sauce on a bed of long grain rice. 'Mexican Stand-Off' is a wrap filled with spicy chicken, peppers, onions, and tomato salsa.

The Boot and Butt Smokehouse introduces the section of the menu dedicated to American dishes.

'Boss Hogg Platter' (*to share*) is a full selection of finest meats all rubbed in the Glenbrook smoked Peruvian marinade, including smoked and rubbed pulled beef; classic rubbed and smoked pulled pork; two slow-roasted beef short ribs; char-grilled chicken thighs with two smoked dragon pork sausages; and Cajun spiced chips with hickory, blue cheese and garlic mayo dips.

The Hound Dog is Glenbrook's finest quarter pound sausage, in a brioche bread roll with melted cheese, red onion jalapeno jam and grilled onions and served with Cajun spiced chips.

As you can see there is lots of fun in the menu's names such as 'Kievin Kline', 'A Knight with Sirloin' and 'The Alamo'.

Liam pointed out: "People appreciate that we make the extra effort.

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In fact, in the run up to Christmas, with work, presents and shopping to be attended to, it can feel even worse.

People can get so stressed that they start to include Christmas dining out as part of that cycle of stress!

It's important to remember that festive meals are not part of the problem – they are an antidote, because there are few things in life more pleasurable and relaxing than lingering over a good meal, and passing the time with friends.

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MP pays a visit to the Friday Club

VALE MP Alun Cairns visited the popular Friday Club at Castleland Community Centre recently to visit the group for five to 11-year-olds in Barry.

During the visit, Mr Cairns was presented with a commemorative wreath for Remembrance Sunday in November.

He spent the evening with children who regularly attend from all parts of Barry to learn more about the activities that are organised for the children every week.

Mr Cairns said: "The visit to the Castleland Community Centre was very interesting and I had great fun getting involved in many of the activities organised by Tanya and the team.

"I was delighted to receive a wreath made skilfully by the children in the club for Remembrance Sunday, and thanked the children and organisers for such a wonderful gesture."

Play leader Tanya added:"Alun's visit to Friday Club was a great success and the children really enjoyed themselves and we can't thank him enough, as he is going to sort out some funding for the club, which will be gratefully appreciated."

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Emojis project is recognised

A presentation evening was held at The Hub at Barry YMCA on October 10 to celebrate the success of the young people on the 'Emojis' project.

The Emojis project, run by the the Vale Council's youth service, aims to help young people learn to better express themselves, and helps them build their self-esteem and confidence levels.

The evening involved a film showing many of the activities the young people had enjoyed while attending the project, and a singing performance.

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Howard Hamilton, attended to present the young people with their certificates, and congratulated them on how far they had come as part of the project.

The project is a 10-week scheme and is split into two age groups, junior aged 8 to 12, and senior aged 13 to 16.

The young people try their hand at all sorts of activities, including, film making and music production, as well as enjoying trips, all designed to help them improve their confidence, communication skills and emotional understanding.

The project is supported by Families First, Barry YMCA, Fact, and The Hub, as well as the council's youth service, who provide the workers for the project.

Special thanks go to the workers on the project David Hancock, Tracy Mills, Lynise Esprit, Mike Smith and Hannah Brown.

PACT meetings

RHOOSE PACT, Community Hall, Celtic Way, October 30, at 6.30pm.

COFFEE and chat, The Green Dragon, Llancadel, November 4 at 3.30pm.

COURT PACT, Witchill Community Centre, Dyfan Road, Barry, November 6 at 6pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Barry Rugby Club, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry, November 10 at 7pm.

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Commemorating the centenary of the First World War

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

AS this year's significant Remembrance Sunday approaches – significant because it marks the centenary of the outbreak of World War One – the experiences of a typical Vale town such as Cowbridge offer a chance to put a human face on the unimaginable fatality statistics that are a tragic feature of the 'Great War'.

David Howell of the Cowbridge branch of the Royal British Legion set himself the task of fleshing out the lives – sometimes very short lives – of the men who died in the conflict and who are recorded on the town's Cenotaph. He was able to draw on an existing volume, *The Great War: Memorials in Cowbridge and Llanblethian by José Rawlins*, and that information was supplemented by his own research.

The story of ordinary men, who were transported around the world as the battles raged, and who came to meet their end in foreign fields, was replicated around south Wales, and provides a deeply sobering backdrop to the coming Remembrance ceremonies.

See next week for the continuation of this story.

AS we walk or drive along Cowbridge High Street, many of us pass the War Memorial outside the town hall quite frequently.

On a dull wet day we might notice the red of the poppy wreaths from Remembrance Sunday for a moment or two – before something else grabs our attention.

Occasionally we might give a passing glance to the list of names from WW1 on the memorial, but that's what they are to most of us, just names.

There is a similar memorial in Llanblethian Parish Church, containing a further 16 names, commemorating the men of Llanblethian who lost their lives, plus a Roll of Honour at Holy Cross Church.

But do any of us actually know anything at all about these men who lost their lives in the Great War? Generally, little or nothing.

Yet, these men lived in the Cowbridge and Llanblethian area. They walked down the same streets, lived in the same houses some of us inhabit, used the same shops – though the goods have changed markedly since, and perhaps enjoyed a beer with their friends, after a hard day's work, in the same pubs that we now use.

They were mostly very young men, so we can assume many had sweethearts they courted, picnicked with on the banks of the Thaw in summertime, held hands with, and perhaps stole a kiss when no-one was looking.

Maybe they talked of getting married and spending their lives together.

These men who joined the military left Cowbridge and Llanblethian, their homes, their loved ones and signed up to fight for their country 100 years ago.

They all lost their lives in war, many at a very young age, and deserve recognition for their sacrifice, so let us take this opportunity get to know each one of them a little better.

William Archer

Willie, as he was known, was born in Cowbridge in late 1894. In 1901, aged only 6, he was living in Eastgate in a house to the east of The Shield with his widowed grandmother, Maria Archer, his uncle John, and aunts Alice and Mary. Was Willie an orphan? His grandmother died in 1905 when he was only 10.

In 1911, when Willie was still only 16, he was lodging at 7, The Limes, with his Uncle William Davies and his wife Alice, and their baby daughter Gwendoline, plus Alice's two daughters Dorothy and Annie John.

When he enlisted at Tonypandy he was living in Williamstown, Rhondda – possibly working in the coalfield.

In 1914 Willie would have been too young for active service, but was probably at war, as he entered France in December 1915, seeing action at the Somme, High Wood and Flanders.

Willie was killed in action on August 27, 1918, aged only 23. His name is inscribed on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, south-east of Arras, which also commemorates the lives of 9,000 other men who fell between August and November 1918.

David Robert Bond

Robert was born in Cowbridge in late 1898. He was the second son of John and Margaret Bond who, in the 1911 census, with a family of eight children (four sons and four daughters), lived at Rock House (then called Rose Cottage) at the foot of Bond's Hill on the Llantwit Major road. Father John Bond was a general labourer.

Robert enlisted at Bridgend and at the time of his death, on September 28, 1918, he was serving with D Battery of the 15th Brigade of the RFA.

Robert had only recently returned to the Front after compassionate home leave to attend his mother's funeral. His grave is in the British Extension of the Metz-en-Coutre communal cemetery to the south west of Cambrai. Robert was around 20 when he died.

Noah Brakewell (correctly spelt Breakwell).

Noah was born in Shropshire in 1874. He was living in Shropshire at the time of both the 1881 and 1891 census returns and in 1891 was employed as a stone breaker. He cannot be found in the 1901 census.

In August 1907, he married Sarah Jennet James of Llanblethian at Headley near Southampton. She was born in Llanblethian in 1874 and was the daughter of William James of Llandow and his wife Mary from Coity.

Volunteers for Kitchener's new army at Cowbridge Railway Station in 1914.

Noah and Jennet were living in Blackwood, Monmouthshire with their 11-month-old daughter Violet May at the time of the 1911 census, when Noah was a labourer in building construction. Noah's link with Llanblethian seems to be via his wife's family.

He was listed in the Roll of Honour printed in the Glamorgan Gazette on October 23, 1914, as T Brakewell and was probably called to the Welch Regiment as a reservist and was sent to serve in France in November 1914.

On October 12, 1915, accurate shelling, by two howitzers, for more than four hours, completely demolished 75 yards of the Welch trench in which 14 soldiers were killed, including Noah Breakwell aged 40.

Noah and 11 companions were buried in the Crucifix cemetery in Loos but have no known graves. They are commemorated on the cemetery memorial at Dud Corner.

William Henry Burley

William was born in Cowbridge around the middle of 1896, and was the third son of George and Elizabeth Burley. The family lived at 44, Westgate in 1911. At the time George, the father, was a general labourer and young William, aged 14 was working as a grocer's errand boy.

In 1918, mother Elizabeth, by now a widow as George died in 1912, was living at 46, Westgate.

William enlisted at Cardiff, joining 15th (Carmarthenshire) Service battalion which, with 13th (2nd Rhondda) and 14th Welch, comprised the 114th Brigade 38th Division.

He was killed in action on August 29, 1918, aged only 22 or 23. His grave is in the Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval.

The Glamorgan Gazette of September 13, 1918, reports that William was laid to rest by another Cowbridge boy Pte W Bishop. The report was on the same page as the report of the death of Tommy Torney.

Cecil Richard Trevor Chard

Cecil was born in Burry Port (Pembrey), Carmarthenshire in the middle of 1885. He was the eldest son of assistant schoolmaster Harry Chard and his wife Kate who, in 1901, lived with their five children in East Village, Cowbridge.

At the time Cecil, aged 16, was an apprentice printer. Father Harry died in early 1905, mother Kate still lived in Cowbridge in 1911.

Cecil married Bertha Govier in Cardiff in 1908. Bertha's father, James Govier, was the landlord of the Commercial Hotel, Eastgate, at the time of the 1901 census.

At the time of the 1911 census, Cecil and Bertha were living with their young son Cecil Stanley in Walsall, Staffordshire, and Cecil was still in the printing trade.

Cecil joined the 1/5th South Staffordshire Regiment (a territorial battalion) at Walsall, Staffs. He went to France in March 1915 and was killed in action, on October 13, 1915, aged 30. He has no known grave but his name is inscribed on the Loos Memorial.

Cecil and Bertha had a further child, Richard Gordon, who was born two months before Cecil died. Did Cecil even know he had a second son?

On the same day that Cecil Chard died, another Cowbridge man, Rifleman Arthur Stuart Miles, lost his life in the same battle.

Richard Henry Collins

Richard was born in Keynsham, Somerset in 1892. He was the third son (one daughter) of John and Ann Collins. Father John was a carter in the 1901 census and a road mender working for Bath Council in 1911, when Richard appears to have been working as a gardener in Aylesbury.

Richard married Alice Maud James, whose father was a blacksmith at Fonmon at the time of the 1911 census, in Bridgend in late 1913.

There is no known direct link with Llanblethian or Cowbridge but perhaps, after his marriage to Alice, they lived and he worked in the area prior to enlistment.

He enlisted in the Army in Cardiff, probably in 1915, and was sent to France on Boxing Day, 1915, but nothing is known of his military service. He died on June 18, 1918, aged 26, his grave is in the Antwerp Schoonselhof Communual Cemetery.

Evan Thomas David

Evan or Thomas? When very young he seemed to known as Evan but later became Tom. He was born in mid 1898, the older of two sons (and two daughters) of David and Elma David and the family lived near The Causie (Causeway) Llanblethian at the time of the 1901 census.

By the time the 1911 census took place they had moved a short distance and lived near Kingscombe, Llanblethian. When Tom died they were living at Factory Road, Llanblethian, again only a short step away.

Tom is listed in Glamorgan Gazette's Roll of Honour on October 23, 1914 (T E David). His service record shows he enlisted in the Welsh Regiment and was sent to France on 17 February 1915, but there is no information of his service available other than the announcement of his death.

He is not recorded by the CWGC as he had been discharged from the Army before his death at home in Llanblethian on April 4, 1917. A report in the Glamorgan Gazette (April 13, 1917) refers to the burial of Tom David in Llanblethian Church, and confirms his age as only 18.

The dates above strongly suggest that Tom David enlisted in mid 1914, when he was only just 15 and was sent to war before his 16th birthday. The Gazette report describes him as "been through the thick of it .....home from the Front, suffering from shrapnel wounds as well as being gassed."

Tom was interred at Llanblethian Church and a white cross to his memory is behind the choir stall on the south side of the chancel of Llanblethian church.

Bassett James Davies

Born in Cowbridge in mid 1895, Bassett was the only son of Mathias Davies, a decorator, and wife Jane Davies, who lived with Bassett's younger sister Elsie at 16 High Street in 1901.

By 1911 the family had moved to 34 Westgate Street, Cowbridge, and Basset and Elsie attended the town's grammar school. Before the war he worked at the offices of Evans & Reid, coal merchants, Cardiff.

Bassett enlisted at Cardiff, joining 10th Welch (1st Rhondda) Service battalion which was assigned to 38th (Welsh) Division. He was probably in action near the town of Ypres when he received wounds from which he died, only aged 22, on August 6, 1917. His grave is at Dozinghem Military Cemetery.

John Robert Collard Dunn and Francis William Morgan Dunn. (Gallipoli)

Born early 1885 and mid 1886 respectively. Jack and Frank were the second and third of five sons of Frederick William and Jennet Dunn of The Cross, Llanblethian.

Frederick Dunn died in 1911 and his wife, Jennett in 1915 both, perhaps fortunately, before the death of three of their five sons.

They had moved from Kent in 1884 to live at The Cross, just below Llanblethian church. Frederick was recorded in both the 1901 and 1911 census returns as a mining engineer; he was born in Carmarthen whereas Jennet was born in Llantrisant.

The 1911 census records Jack as a law student and Frank as an engineering student. The brothers were educated at Cowbridge Grammar School, were keen cricketers and, with older brother Fred who survived the war, were listed in Glamorgan Gazette's Roll of Honour on October 23, 1914.

Jack and Frank were both commissioned in the 1/5th Welch, which formed part of the 53rd (Welsh) TF Division. The 5th Welsh embarked on *SS Huntsgreen* for a gruelling voyage to Port Said and eventually the British base at Mudros in the Aegean sea.

On the night of August 8/9. 1915, 5th Welsh landed at Sulva Bay with no artillery support, transport, maps or signalers.

On the morning of the 10th, the battalion was ordered to take Scimitar Hill. An attack on the previous day had been repulsed and wounded men, British and Turks, still lay on the hillside when shell-fire during this second attack ignited the ground cover and, fanned by strong winds, swept across the face of the hill.

The attack foundered in complete confusion with many casualties, including Frank who was killed in action on August 10, 1915, aged 30, and Jack, who died 10 days later, aged 29.

The two brothers have no known graves but are commemorated on the Helles Memorial at the end of the Gallipoli peninsular, as also, is Arthur Wynne Jones from Cowbridge

Hugh Aubrey Fairfield Dunn

Hugh Aubrey Fairfield Dunn, born in early 1888, is listed as Tom Dunn on the Roll of Honour in Holy Cross Church.

He was the fourth of five Dunn brothers and he joined the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (RMRE) after the deaths of Jack and Frank. The youngest brother Augustus (Guy) – who would survive the war – also joined the RMRE.

Like his brothers, Tom was a keen sportsman; he played cricket and hockey and was an excellent swimmer. His death by drowning in the River Monnow was both tragic and inexplicable.

On the afternoon of Sunday May 21, 1916, Tom Dunn with a fellow officer, David Williams went for a bathe in a river pool behind a weir and which was about 17 feet deep. They rowed out to the pool in a boat, from which they entered the water; David Williams going first.

He swam to the bank saw Tom enter the water feet first but, as he rose to the surface, he appeared to be in difficulties. David tried to help but failed and Tom Dunn died during the 15 minutes it took to retrieve him.

At an inquest the following day it emerged that David Williams said he had heard Tom was very much subject to cramp. The Coroner, in summing up his verdict of "accidentally drowned," said that the river Monnow was of very ill repute and always exceptionally colder than the river Wye.

Tom Dunn was buried, aged 28, with full military honours at Llanblethian churchyard.

Author's acknowledgements

Much of the groundwork for this article was carried out by José Rawlins and is included in her book *The Great War: Memorials in Cowbridge and Llanblethian by José Rawlins* and published by the Cowbridge Record Society and printed by Keith Brown and Sons Ltd in 2008. The publication is available via the Cowbridge History Society.

I must congratulate Jose on her book, it is a very informative publication and I have found it extremely informative.

I consider myself fortunate that records and sources not available to Jose when she carried out her research, plus much improved computing power, were available to me at this later date and, probably made my task much easier.

As a couple of names appear on both the Cowbridge and Llanblethian memorials I took the approach of combining the two.

I have also produced the list in straightforward alphabetical order and tended to ignore rank, which seems somewhat inappropriate some 100 years on.

'WE ARE BUILDING SCHOOLS THAT ARE AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY'

VIEW FROM THE VALE

by Coun **NEIL MOORE** Leader of the **Vale of Glamorgan Council**

I WOULD like to begin by congratulating Tom Chandler, who has been elected as the Vale of Glamorgan's first Youth Mayor, along with Emily Peters who becomes the Deputy Youth Mayor.

At the election, there were almost 3,000 votes cast by young people aged 11 to 25 from schools, training providers, and youth clubs across the Vale. The Youth Mayor will continue to work with them and strengthen the links between young people and the Vale Council.

I am pleased to confirm that the new Ysgol Nant Talwg has been opened, as part of this administration's school investment programme which also helps meet the demand for Welsh medium education in the Vale. This was funded by the Vale Council and Welsh Government as part of the 21st Century Schools programme.

The new building, which is the first of its kind in Wales, is finished to an excellent specification and has been awarded top marks for energy efficiency and building standards. The project helped train over 20 apprentices, trainees, and graduates, with four apprentices finding full time positions, and more than £2,500 was invested in the community and local businesses.

As part of that school investment programme we have recently completed the Penarth Learning Community, built on the St Cyres, Ashgrove, and Erw'r Delyn sites. We now have brand new facilities at St Cyres secondary school and have built a new special educational needs school, Ysgol y Deri, which will accommodate pupils from three SEN schools in the area.

This first-class learning facility will also be available for use by the community, with modern sports facilities including a 3G pitch, hydrotherapy pools, physiotherapy suites and other specialist areas that can be used by families and carers looking after adults and children with special needs. There has also been a respite centre included as part of the project for SEN pupils.

This £49.5 million development will provide a first-class learning environment and is an example of what can be achieved with a commitment to build schools and community facilities, obtaining the maximum value for money through an innovative procurement policy.

The targeted recruitment and training element of the contract has given local people training and employment and enabled 184 new entrants into construction, with 83 apprentices and trainees employed on the project, where 90 per cent of the construction costs have been reinvested back into the local economy. Everyone involved should be very proud of their achievements.

This is another milestone for our Labour-led council and we intend to continue, by providing a new school in Llantwit Major, as well as looking to establish secondary coeducation in Barry. News on that should be available in the New Year.

It's also good news that the Penarth Leisure Centre swimming pool reopened last week after refurbishments and repairs were carried out.

This will be welcomed by the community, who have been without a pool since a fire in the building last February.

Staying in Penarth, Redlands House is being remodelled using money from Welsh Government's Intermediate Care Fund (ICF). The fund aims to link services for older people in terms of health, social care and housing and the scheme will provide accommodation for older people, moving away from less suitable 'bedsit' accommodation to modern apartments that can accommodate changing needs.

Internal improvements to shared areas will include a fitness room, an IT suite and a modern reception.

Two rooms have been adapted as 'reablement' apartments that will allow people to get out of hospital quicker and have their own 'front door' while they recuperate.

This is part of a package of projects, including working with hospital staff to ensure appropriate accommodation is available when patients are ready to be discharged; adapting older people's homes to allow them to live safely at home and creating a one-stop-shop Health and Social Care Communications Hub to offer health and social care advice.

I want to confirm that public consultation is now open on the proposed library strategy. The Vale Council is, like all councils, facing significant financial pressure due to cuts in public sector funding.

As previously explained, all services are being reviewed and many are likely to be affected.

In recent years, the library service has seen a decline in both visitor numbers and book issues, reflecting a national trend. A review with the aim of developing a viable library service and avoiding library closures, which have been seen in neighbouring counties, was carried out and although some of the changes proposed are significant, they offer the best way of keeping all Vale libraries open.

'Business as usual' is simply not an option in the current financial climate and we are carrying out consultation on the three remaining proposals. These are to adopt a phased approach to the development of community supported/managed libraries in St Athan, Dinas Powys, Sully, Wenvoe and Rhoose; and to adjust library opening hours and progress work to relocate the library in St Athan.

Public consultation takes place until December 31 and can be made in writing, online, by phone, and in person at drop in sessions.

A broad range of information will be provided to allow respondents to make informed comments on the future of the service.

Finally, I would remind the business community that the Welsh Government has offered some relief to the challenges of the changing retail environment, to contribute to the development of sustainable and vibrant town centres.

The relief, which is administered by the council (up to £1,000) is targeted towards supporting and assisting local retailers with their business Non-Domestic Rate net liability.

Not all businesses qualify, but without an application no grant can be agreed. The council has allocated over 250 grants to businesses that have met the criteria of being occupied, having a Rateable Value of £50,000 or less, and whose type of use is included in the Welsh Government's list.

The council would like to continue to help local commerce and would suggest that any businesses who think they meet the criteria should complete the application form on the council's website under the link to Working/Business Rates/Retail Rate Relief 2014/15, where the guidance and application form can be found.

Free mental health course for young people

THE Vale Council-led Barry Communities First, in partnership with Journeys mental health charity, is running a 'Feeling Well Coping Better' course for people aged 16-24.

This free course is aimed at those who are feeling stressed, anxious or depressed and will help people develop coping skills to help improve long term mental health.

The six-week course starts on Tuesday, November 11 (5.30pm-6.30pm) at the Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry.

In order to be eligible you must live in a Barry Communities First area which includes Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland, Court and Gibbonsdown.

For more information, or to book a place please contact 01446 709432 or visit www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org.

Car club's visit to Barry Island

SATURDAY, October 25, saw the Swindon Association of Snails (SAS) lead a 'raid' to the lovely resort of Barry Island.

The SAS Car Club, based in Wiltshire, went to the home of Gavin and Stacey, and were joined by other Citroen 2CV owners from all over Wales and England.

Clubs represented on the raid included the Wyenots from the Wye Valley and the Swansea Old Ducks.

Thirteen cars took part in the visit, and stopped first for an interesting look at Barry Bus Museum.

On the Island, the cars were able to park outside the iconic Marco's Cafe.

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Penarth author's new book signing

LOCAL teacher Laura Sheldon will be at Griffin Books in Penarth on the morning of Saturday, November 8, between 11am and 12 noon, to sign copies of her recently published children's book, *Mr Mahli's Shed and A Ghost Named Dylan*.

The book, which features the ghost of Dylan Thomas, centres on the poet's 'writing shed' which was the inspiration for the writers' shed at Sully Primary School where Laura teaches.

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BARRY CADETS VISIT WWI BATTLEFIELDS

RIGHT: No 1 Welsh Wing at Thiepval (memorial to the missing soldiers of the Somme).

TWENTY Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron recently travelled to Europe to pay homage to those who lost their lives fighting for their countries in the great wars, along with 50 Air Cadets from Squadrons from No 1 Welsh Wing.

The visit took place over a long weekend and encompassed the war memorials and battlefields of Ypres Salient, in Belgium and the Somme, in France.

The cadets stayed as guests of the Belgium Army in Ypres and during their time were able to parade with members of the local Fire Brigade, performing the moving 'Last Post' ceremony at the Menin Gate.

As a sign of the greatest respect, the cadets laid poppy wreaths on behalf of the Royal British Legion and 372 (Barry) Squadron.

Cadet Natasja Gill said: "We also went to Thiepval on the Somme to see where the fierce fighting took place. When you stand on the battlefields, it's amazing to think that in July 1916 this is where so many soldiers fought and died."

Of course, the cadets are fully aware of the consequences for war for every nation involved and they also made time to pay their respects at the Canadian War Memorial, Vimy Ridge and the memorial at Thiepval, which is dedicated to the 73,367 missing men of the Somme.

The Cadets also paid their respects to the war dead at Tyne Cot, Passchendaele, and Langemarck, and also visited the new Welsh Memorial on Flanders at Langemarck.

Officer Commanding 372 Squadron, Flight Lieutenant Jason Horton, concluded: "It was a very busy few days with an enormous amount of travelling. However, the cadets all felt that it was a worthwhile and emotional experience. This visit was kindly supported by the Big Lottery, Vale of Glamorgan and Barry Town Councils."

The Cadets were: Steph Jones, Rhys and Vicky Williams, Georgina and Zena Poulakis, Sean Hodges, Joe Bailey, Nathan Loxton, Alex Spragg, Rhys and Rhian Horton, Natasja Gill, Jacob Petre, Jake Paterson, Rachael Carbis, Nathan Thompson, Jordan Saunders, Gethin Lodge, Alex Cheeseley and Toby Boss.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 12 (and in school year-8) -17 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm-9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall) or you can contact the Squadron on 01446 747734 , email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372 squadron.org for more information.

372 Squadron at the new Welsh Memorial at Langemarck.

Barry Rotary Club's cheque presentation

ON Thursday, October 23, members of the Rotary Club of Barry joined forces with the Inner Wheel Club of Barry to host a well-supported international lunch in the Memorial Hall, which raised £450, to be shared equally between Rotary and Inner Wheel International charities.

The special guest was local businessman Ted Arbuthnot, who is chairman of the Vale4Africa charity.

The Rotary Club of Barry topped up their share of the profit from their charity fund to enable president Robin Pitcher to present a cheque to Ted Arbuthnot for £500 for the Vale4Africa charity.

Plans are now well in hand for the annual Fireworks Fiesta which will take place (come rain or shine) on Wednesday, November 5, on Barry Island.

The club will also have a stall in High Street when the Christmas lights are switched on at the end of November, and another stall at the Dickensian Evening in Dinas Powys in December.

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RIGHT: President Robin Pitcher presents a £500 cheque to Ted Arbuthnot.

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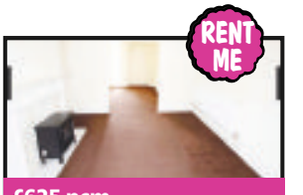

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- Central heating
- Double-glazing

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- Central heating
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- Double-glazing
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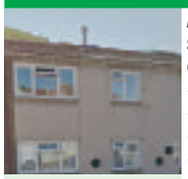

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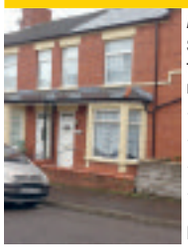

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- Double-glazing
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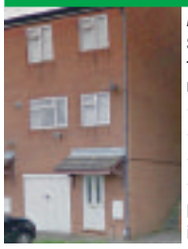

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- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Gardens

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Junior sea cadets visit the mayor's parlour

JUNIOR sea cadets were guests in the mayor's parlour and council chamber at Barry Town Council offices last week.

The Mayor, Coun Jeff Evans, explained the various artefacts on display which have been presented to the town mayor over the years by visiting dignitaries and the differences between the role of the mayor and the role of a councillor.

BIG TIDY UP ON ISLAND

KEEP Britain Tidy's Diamond Jubilee Big Tidy Up on Monday, October 13 saw volunteers head for Barry Island.

They included customers of Scope's Sully Day Opportunities, Coun Rob Curtis, Mark Robertson from the Vale's YOS team and year-10 pupils from Stanwell School, who braved windy weather to help clean up the Island, along with the help of Great Uncle Bulgaria.

Coun Curtis said: "It was fantastic to see the volunteers from Scope turn up to help, as well as the pupils from Stanwell, and our YOS team. It's good to see that there are plenty of people concerned about their environment, and willing to help."

'Pleasure Park standstill must be resolved'

LOCAL MP Alun Cairns has held a meeting into the future of the Pleasure Park on Barry Island.

Mr Cairns met the site owner Mr Ian Rogers in an effort to identify issues holding up development on the site.

The Vale MP also met with investors Hilco in Westminster this week to discuss investment, and pressed the need for a permanent development to take place and how it can benefit the town of Barry.

Mr Cairns said: "I am grateful to Ian Rogers and partners Hilco for agreeing to meet with me to discuss the future of Barry Island Pleasure Park.

"The issues of the past must not now be a reason for inaction and I am committed to bringing parties together. It is in the interest of every interested party to get a plan in place to develop a year round resort on the site.

"The time for investment is now, we cannot let a site with such potential drag on year after year.

"I want to bring all stakeholders together in an effort to get a landmark project off the ground that can support traders and create jobs."

Ian Rogers said: "We had a very constructive meeting on site to update Alun on issues surrounding the Pleasure Park.

"I gave the historical background on the challenges we have faced, and explained more about the clear potential of the site."

• Mark Vockins of Quasar on Barry Island told The GEM he was disappointed that Nell's Point car park was closed one recent Sunday, a busy day for local traders.

He said: "People were looking for car parking spaces on a nice sunny day – there are 800 there, but it was shut."

MP Alun Cairns said he had received a number of calls from Island traders, adding it was unfortunate that visitors had been left frustrated.

He said: "It is very important that we create the right impression for visitors and don't interrupt business for traders unnecessarily."

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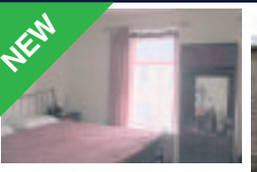

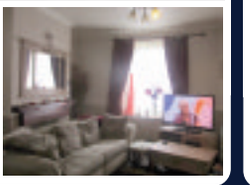

LOMBARD STREET, BARRY
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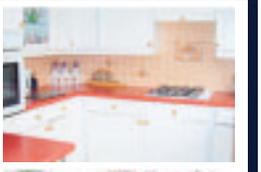
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Enclosed rear garden
- An ideal investment opportunity or 1st time purchase
- Offered freehold

£92,950



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BARRY

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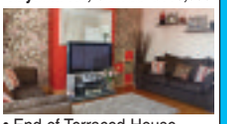
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• Requires modernisation
WHITCHURCH

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE AROUND THE VALE?

Dr Daniel Vaughan – **Barkways Cottage, The Downs, St Nicholas** – creation of garden.

Mr and Mrs AP Hill – **field to the east of Trerhyngyll** – retrospective application for the erection of small, lockable storage shed for agricultural and equine purposes.

Mr Brian McKenna – **Unit 5, First floor, Stangate House, Stanwell Road, Penarth** – change of use from B1 Office to D1 Osteopathy clinic.

Mr Chris Wilkins – **plot of land adjacent to Anwylfan, off Rectory Drive, St Nicholas** – demolish buildings forming pig farm. Construction of four bedroom bungalow.

Mr Benedict Chi Fai Ho – **4 Runcorn Close, Barry** – two storey side extension and single storey porch extension.

Palmerston Primary School – **Palmerston Primary School, Pen Y Bryn, Barry** – erection of a playpod, a metal stable-like structure (3.065m x 5m) in the playground to contain a range of recycled materials for play.

Mrs Lesley Thomas – **54 Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys** – proposed rear extension to form living room and shower room.

Mrs Deborah Furnish – **4 Cwrt Dyfed, Barry** – demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

Mr Jenkins – **3 Mill Park, Cowbridge** – single storey front and rear extensions and first floor side extension.

Mr Julian Golunski – **rear of Heritage Coast Visitors Centre, Dunraven Bay, Bridgend** – demolition of garage, wooden lean-to and the removal of a small amount of stonework to the northeast of the site. Erection of five storage units for use by micro enterprises to store equipment for off and on shore activities.

Mrs Paula Ham – **69 Geraints Way, Cowbridge** – front pitched roof dormer side carport with proposed family bathroom and bedroom above porch and living room to rear ground floor.

Mr Alun Williams – **12 Romilly Avenue, Barry** – construct a two storey rear extension and rear ground floor balcony.

Redrow Homes South Wales – **land north and south of Llantrisant Road, North west Cardiff** – the development of up to 630 residential dwellings (C3), primary school (D1), open space (including children's play space), landscaping, sustainable urban drainage, vehicular access, pedestrian and cycle accesses and related infrastructure and engineering works. For information: detailed permission is sought for strategic vehicular accesses now.

Mr Grant Maunder – **De Sully Grange, Swanbridge Road, Sully** – alterations to the internal planning of the ground floor with infill extension to house the new kitchen.

Mr J Hayes – **9 Clos Cradog, Penarth** – remove ash, coppice several field maple and blackthorn.

Asda Stores Ltd – **proposed District Centre, Barry Waterfront, Powell Duffryn Way, Barry** – development of Phase 1 of District Centre comprising Asda foodstore and two non-food retail units, with associated petrol filling station, car parking, access works and landscaping at Powell Duffryn Way, Barry Waterfront, Barry.

Mr Warren – **53 Shakespeare Avenue, Penarth** – proposed two-storey side extension.

Mr Hywel Jones – **Ty Gwyn, Penyturnpike Road, Dinas Powys** – proposed alterations to planning approval No 2013/01266/FUL to include dormers in a new gabled roof.

Ms Paula Llewellyn – **27 Somerset View, Ogmore by Sea** – amendment to approved single storey extension.

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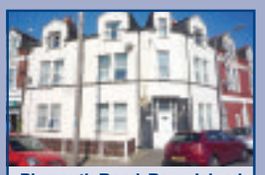

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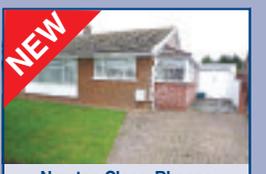

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Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday November 6, service 1.15pm at All Saints Church, Barry, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium Bridgend at 2.45pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Cancer Research UK, c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

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ALL SAINTS PUPILS LOOK AT LIFE FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

YEAR-5 at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School performed their assembly to the whole school and parents on Friday, October 17.

The pupils wrote the assembly script following their homework research on endangered species.

The assembly was based on a Christian perspective on creation and creativity, which sees life as a 'gift', entrusted by a loving creator God to humankind for a purpose.

As part of the 'Values for Life' topic this term, the pupils of year-5 have researched endangered species. They have enjoyed writing prayers and poetry on this theme.

The assembly was a fantastic success and one enjoyed by everyone who attended. Thank you to all our families who came along to support the occasion.

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Shared Reading Group invite for Barry Library

AFTER a recent break from regular meetings, Barry Library has announced that the Shared Reading Group will be starting up again this Friday (October 31), 1pm-2.15pm

Anyone who has been to a shared reading session in the past is welcome to come again and new attendees can be assured of a warm welcome, a cup of tea or coffee and the chance to read a wide variety of literature from popular novel extracts to classic short stories and poems.

In recent months, members have read works by Anton Chekhov, Edgar Rice Burroughs, Erich Maria Remarque, Jane Austen and Roald Dahl and discussed such topics as 'Why do horrible things happen to nice people?', 'Be careful what you wish for' and 'Why is it sometimes okay to be economical with the truth?'

It's a great, relaxing way to end a busy week and make new friends.

Should you require more information, please contact the libraries outreach officer, Andy Griffiths, on 01446 725381.

AG

Restoration project at Dyffryn House

IT was another successful evening at the monthly meeting of the Vale NFU Ladies.

Rhiannon Gamble, representing the National Trust, talked passionately about the restoration work being carried out on Duffryn House, and her enthusiasm was shown with a slide show with before and after work. Her dedication to the project was exciting to hear.

A vote of thanks was given by Elizabeth Jervis.

Next month will be the autumn trip, and the December meeting is going to be held on Wednesday, December 10, and will be the usual format of a Christmas carol service at Penllyn Church, followed by the annual Christmas party at Penllyn Village Hall.

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Ed's foundation is still working to raise funds for cancer research

ABOVE: Sue Evans and Catherine Jones present the cheque to Rachel Marsh from Cancer Research Wales.
BELOW: The cheque is presented to the Brain Tumour Society.

ON Saturday, October 18, the Ed Evans Foundation held a dinner dance to raise funds for Cancer Research Wales and The Brain Tumour Society.

A total of 140 family, friends and supporters came together to enjoy a wonderful meal provided by Town and Country Caterers, with entertainment provided by a Neil Diamond Tribute and The Lounge Lizards.

A speech was given by Ed's mum Sue, who spoke about the scholarship into brain cancer research that has been launched by Cancer Research Wales in Ed's memory.

She also explained how The Brain Tumour Charity has launched its support services for patients and their families in Wales, a position that the foundation helps to fund.

Catherine and Lorraine from the foundation presented cheques for £5,000 to Michelle Herbert from The Brain Tumour Charity and Rachel Marsh from Cancer Research Wales.

During the evening there was a silent auction and raffle, with prizes generously donated by local businesses and friends of the foundation.

A good time was had by all and the evening raised £3,000 for the foundation.

Living a life of adventure
with Maria Leijerstam

Double world record holder Maria Leijerstam from the Vale, founder of the Burn Series of multisport events and qualified personal trainer, inspires you with a weekly column on simple family sporting adventures in the beautiful countryside of south Wales.

LAST weekend saw the final Burn event of the year take place at Llandaff Rowing Club.

It was by all accounts one of the toughest events we've run since 2010, as only 10 teams managed to complete the full course. All teams did, however, complete the course with various short course options.

Cardiff Burn is a more challenging event than the Mini Burn events, and sees adults from across the UK gather in Cardiff for an event which is unique to Wales.

The event comprises a 10km run, followed by a 3km kayak and finishing with the toughest section of all which is a mountain bike orienteering phase.

This phase requires teams to find 10 check points by bike which have been placed in strategic places around Castle Coch and Caerphilly Mountain.

It is far more than just a physical challenge because the key is to be strategic also.

If a competitor misses a check point on the mountain bike orienteering phase then a time penalty is added to their overall race time, meaning that the competitors need to weigh up whether they can get to the check point in less time that the time penalty.

It was all fun and games at the top of our Welsh mountains last weekend!

The conditions were perfect for the race with little wind and no rain so the kayaking phase on the River Taff was pleasant.

The stretch of water at Llandaff Rowing club is ideal for kayaking, with the outward bound journey slightly tougher against the flow of the river but a nice easy paddle homebound.

The Burn events are really growing in popularity, especially with females, which is very rare for adventure racing, so I'm hoping this will continue in years to come. Since it's about more than just physical fitness, it's a far more level playing field.

The final results were: the male solo category was won by local boy Alex Boakes from Caerphilly; female solo by Amanda Elias from Neath; mixed pair was won by Abigail Tiplady and Nat Marsden also from Caerphilly; male pairs by David Wyatt and Graham Barney Dean from Bristol, who have competed in every Cardiff Burn event and have now found the key to success and finally, the female pair was won by Liz Bullivant and Morgan Cadman-Davies from Bridgend.

As the nights are closing in, there is no reason to become less adventurous, so it's well worth investing in a good head torch so you can keep up your evening family adventures. Join me next week for some autumn adventures and in the meantime keep an eye on *www.burnseries.co.uk*

A senior Rotary award for Dinas founder member

Alun is seen in the photograph receiving his award with his wife Carol, alongside Colin Jones, president of the club and past district governor David Wiltshire.

THE Rotary Club of Dinas Powis has nominated one of its founder members, Alun Hodges, for the prestigious Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Award.

This has been awarded by the club and Alan is now a Paul Harris Fellow. The award was made by a past district governor for south Wales, David Wiltshire, also a Paul Harris Fellow, and a member of the Dinas Powis Club.

The award is named after the founder of Rotary International, Paul Harris and is given for exceptional service.

The citation for Alun's award was for his work as a founder member of the Rotary Club of Dinas Powis, as a past president of the club, and for exceptional service to Rotary, over many years.

Lyndsay Ellis, pictured in black, surrounded by members of Barry Yacht Club Sea rowing.

BARRY ROWERS LOOK BACK ON A 'WONDERFUL' SEASON

SEPTEMBER was a very busy month for the Barry Yacht Club sea rowers, who competed in the last four races of the season.

The first, held at Llansteffan, was a 10-mile distance race, the Dylan Thomas Boathouse Challenge. The mixed crew finished a creditable eighth out of 14 in a time of 1hr 51mins, also coming first in the mixed supervets class.

The following day, with some new crew members, teams competed in the men's and women's races at Solva.

On September 20, a mixed crew competed in what was probably their hardest race of the season. The Pwll Du Challenge at Mumbles turned out to be more of challenge than expected.

At 13 miles and in difficult conditions the team, 'Gavin & Stacey', finished in 2hrs 15 minutes in seventh position out of 13. It was a brilliant performance, with one member of the team a novice rower. Well done to Emma!

The last event at Llangrannog was a fitting finale to the racing season. With great weather and a fantastic setting Barry Rowers again acquitted themselves well, with both a men's and women's team competing.

With 75 per cent of rowing members competing over the summer, all are agreed that 2014 has been a wonderful season, travelling to some of the best parts of the Pembrokeshire coast.

Back at Barry, thanks to the support of the Yacht Club, the rowers now have a fully refurbished support boat. *The Barrian*, will be used for future long distance rows.

Also, thanks to the generosity of a local businessman and rower, Lyndsay Ellis of The Vale Funeral Service, the club now has a brand new launching trolley, making the task of boat launch and recovery very much easier.

Rowing through the winter will now be confined to weekends, weather permitting, although there will be opportunities for indoor training to help maintain fitness levels to be well prepared for the 2015 season.

For anyone interested in trying out this fantastic sport, having fun and meeting loads of enthusiastic people, there is a 'New Rowers' session planned for Saturday, November 1. Alternatively, email rowingsection@barryyachtclub.co.uk. **PF**

Race team waiting for the start. From left: Kathie, Nicola, Jane, Tony and Paul.

Howard Lavis, who managed the refurbishment, on board the Barrian, accompanied by Brian Dotchon.

Competitions start in earnest for chess club

THIS week saw the start of two different competitions for the Barry Chess Club – the Welsh Premier League and the fifth Barry Club Championships.

The Premier League takes place over seven Sundays commencing in October and finishing in the Spring. The games are longer than we normally play and on this occasion board order is decided by FIDE ratinges, rather than the East Glamorgan ratings we normally use.

Perhaps because of the increased strength of FIDE competitions, the individual players often have lower FIDE ratings than in our league games.

As always seems to be the case we, the Vale, are one of the lower ranked teams in this tournament, with only Bridgend Central ranked to finish below us, so it is no surprise if we lose matches. We have also been hampered this season by the strongest player, David Sully, taking a 12-month sabbatical.

Our first match was away to Cardigan. While three of our players have yet to earn a FIDE rating, the top four Cardigan boards all had a higher ranking than our top board.

Ben Thomas and Neil Stuart both earned creditable wins and, with Dave Parsons earning a draw, Barry lost narrowly, 3.5-2.5. This was a good result against a strong team.

This was followed by the first round out of seven in the Barry Club Championship. This is also a monthly competition starting in October and finishing in May.

The first round matched the top nine players against the bottom nine. On each board there was a differential of at least 500 ranking points between the players. There were some short games and some which took a lot longer.

However, at the end of the evening the higher ranked players each recorded a victory. The only exception was Matthew Parry who, at short notice, was unable to attend, giving victory to Windsor Lewis.

The next round will pitch round one winners against other round one winners and likewise with the first round losers.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards, whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome; if you contact one of the club members through the website, we can arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com. **PJ**

Wales RL give good account of themselves

WALES gave a good impression of themselves in Albi against a strong French side and the inexperienced Welsh will go away with a lot of credit and plenty of memorable moments despite a 42-22 defeat which sees them unable to win the European Championship.

Wales fielded their 500th player, in North Wales Crusaders' Owain Griffiths who entered the fray in the 27th minute. Rhys Williams' scored a record extending 15th try for Wales, while Christiaan Roets scored his 13th, which puts him above Iestyn Harris in second place in the all time Wales try scoring charts.

France took the lead on eight minutes when Clément Soubeyras received the ball from Theo Fagas and sprinted to the line. Remy Marginet converted.

Wales levelled straight away. After winning a scrum after a French mistake from kick-off, Dan Fleming forced his way over and Lewis Reece converted.

A fine break from Jason Baitieri set up Theo Fages to go over just left of the sticks. Marginet converted.

Two tries just before the interval just about put the game out of Wales' reach through Jean-Philippe Baille and Mathias Pala, putting the French 24-6 up at the break.

Marginet increased the French lead but Matty Fozard did well to score Wales' second try that Reece converted.

However, tries in the corner from Mathias Pala and Marginet, both converted by Marginet, extended France's lead further to 42-12.

Rhys Williams went over and Reece again added the extras. The try competition between Roets and Williams saw Roets force his way over and Reece missed for the first time, but the French emerged victorious. **IG**

Hockey team get back to winning ways

THERE was a reversal of fortune for the two Penarth Hockey Club sides in the latest round of matches in the Davis Wood Hockey League, with the First XI bouncing back to form with an 8-3 win.

Penarth's senior side shrugged off the 11-0 thrashing suffered at the hands of table-topping Hereford to take out their frustration on lowly Cheltenham as they visited Barry Sports Centre.

A week ago, an early goal precipitated the Hereford landslide, but this time it was Penarth who got the early goal, as Dave Kidby finished a nice move after just five minutes.

Within two minutes, the advantage had doubled when Phil Lane smashed home a reverse stick finish following a Richard Baker through ball, and Penarth gradually exerted their control over the game.

The visitors' chances were few and far between and, although some excellent finishing saw them grab a goal back, Penarth soon restored their two-goal lead when Baker netted a rebound following a thunderous drag flick from brother Chris.

However, with scoring appearing easy, Penarth looked complacent at times, and again allowed the visitors to get within touching-distance by conceding shortly before the break, but bounced back once more on the interval as Lane grabbed a second following a crafty penalty corner routine.

Despite holding a two-goal margin, Penarth looked nervous at the start of the second half and failed to keep possession for any length of time. This allowed Cheltenham to pull one goal back shortly after the restart, and the visitors were unlucky not to level the game as they forced the ball over the line following a goalmouth melee, only for the 'score' to be disallowed as the umpire had already awarded them a penalty corner!

Grateful for the reprieve, Penarth gradually found their feet again and started to play some very good hockey, Chris Baker put them 5-3 up with a drag flick and scored a second shortly after to take the tally to six.

The score could have been higher but for some woeful finishing, but Penarth eventually bagged another brace with goals from Sam Chick and Kidby to end the match in a comfortable 8-3 win for the Bears that keeps them in fifth place overall in De Cymru & The Marches 1.

PENARTH 'A' 0-1 GWENT 'B'

A rare Sunday fixture robbed the 2nd XI of key players ahead of the visit of mid-table rival Gwent 'B', and the Vale side again failed to come away with points from a game which, on paper, they probably should have won.

A poor display saw Penarth revert to the long ball game, with little discernible shape to the side. Unable to get their usual passing game together, youngsters Sam Salisbury and Rory Vizard were frustrated going forward, and Penarth created very little in the way of a goalmouth threat.

Despite a Matt Birch penalty corner going close, the chances that did occur were ably dealt with by the Gwent 'keeper.

The visitors took advantage of Penarth's problems by going one goal up late in the first half, with a break from the back leaving Paul Roberts facing two-on-one. As a result, Richard Bromiley, the team's fourth goalkeeper in six league games, was left too exposed to prevent the score and the home side went into the interval a goal behind.

Called upon in an emergency, Bromiley had an otherwise solid game, pulling off some fine saves to keep the scores close, but Penarth rarely looked like drawing level, despite a late Graeme Jones shot – following a fine through ball from the hard-working Rob Harrison - fizzing narrowly wide.

The returning Nathan Townsend also put in a heavy shift in midfield, vainly attempting to provide the beleaguered defence with extra support, but it was to no avail, as Gwent ran out winners by the only goal.

League games continue this weekend, with the First XI facing an away trip to ninth-placed Lansdowne, knowing a win will keep them in touch with the promotion places. The 2nd XI, meanwhile, will need to step up their game with a trip to Cwmbran to face Gwent 'A' who are among the early season pace setters in De Cymru 2.

Penarth Hockey Club welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability.

Training takes place on the artificial turf at Barry Sport Centre every Wednesday, with the juniors in action 6pm to 7pm and seniors between 7pm and 8pm.

Further information can be obtained from club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk). **CL**

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Inter made to work for win

BARRY INTER racked up goals from Jacob (two), Iestyn, Eski and Owen against Danescourt.

However, the team then stopped playing their passing game and started panicking, not playing like a side that were comfortably ahead.

Danescourt came back with two goals in the first half and two in the second half, but Inter didn't crumble and at the end of the day got the win.

It shows how far the boys have come that they were disappointed to win in this manner, but a win is a win.

Team: Connor, Josh, Aron, Dan, Charlie, Sion, Lloyd, Eski, Iestyn, Jacob, James, Jack, Mason and Owen. **DD**

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for October 27:

1st Simon and Debbie Richards 63.64 per cent, 2nd= Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 61.0, and Vida Halford and Glyn Williams. **LE**

Blaenau too strong for Sully's bowlers!

SULLY Indoor bowls team welcomed Blaenau Gwent to Sully Stadium on Saturday in what was going to be one of the important games of this season's league matches.

Sully, who had won their two opening league games, were up against Blaenau Gwent, who are favourites to win the league again this year, having just failed in the play-offs to gain promotion to the Premiership last year, and Sully would have to be at their best to win this game.

Unfortunately, Sully had to make six changes to the side that beat Ogwr the previous week but were still confident of putting up a good performance.

The game began with Sully getting a superb start and finding themselves 22 shots ahead by the fifth end, with only one rink behind by just one shot.

By the 10th end, the opponents had reduced the deficit to just four shots and were beginning to play well, having got used to a green that is slower than their own green.

Blaenau Gwent were now playing the green with full confidence and were beginning to take control and by the 15th end had overturned their deficit to lead by 12 shots.

Over the final six ends, the visitors, with a number of internationals in the team, showed their class to close the game out to win by 22 shots, 110 – 132, with Sully taking five points to Blaenau Gwent's 17.

Sully's next game is away to Taff Ely at Pontypridd on Saturday.

FP

Sully bridge results

MONDAY, October 20:

North/South - 1st Alan Jones/Carolyn Matthews 62.50, 2nd Patsy Cohen/Joy Secular 57.18, 3rd Gareth Stone/Brian Gardner 54.63.

East/West - 1st Peter Millar/Jane Brook 62.50, 2nd Anne Johns/John Pikoulis 59.49, 3rd Italo Basiletti/Sean MacDougall 56.7.

Wednesday, October 22, North/South -

1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 64.29, 2nd Jane Greatrex/John Pikoulis 59.07, 3rd Carol James/Alan James 57.42. East/West - 1st Una Gavin/Judy Collins 65.75, 2nd Val Davies/Merion Avon 62.00, 3rd Anne Hilary Jones/Sean MacDougall 58.00.

Saturday, October 25, North/South - 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 72.22, 2nd Jane Greatrex/Anne Hilary Jones 65.08, 3rd Hazel Craig/Peter Craig 50.00. East/West - 1st Anne MacDougall/Sean MacDougall 59.13, 2nd Mary Cartwright/Pat Verdon 58.33, 3rd Una Gavin/Pam Sherman 57.14.

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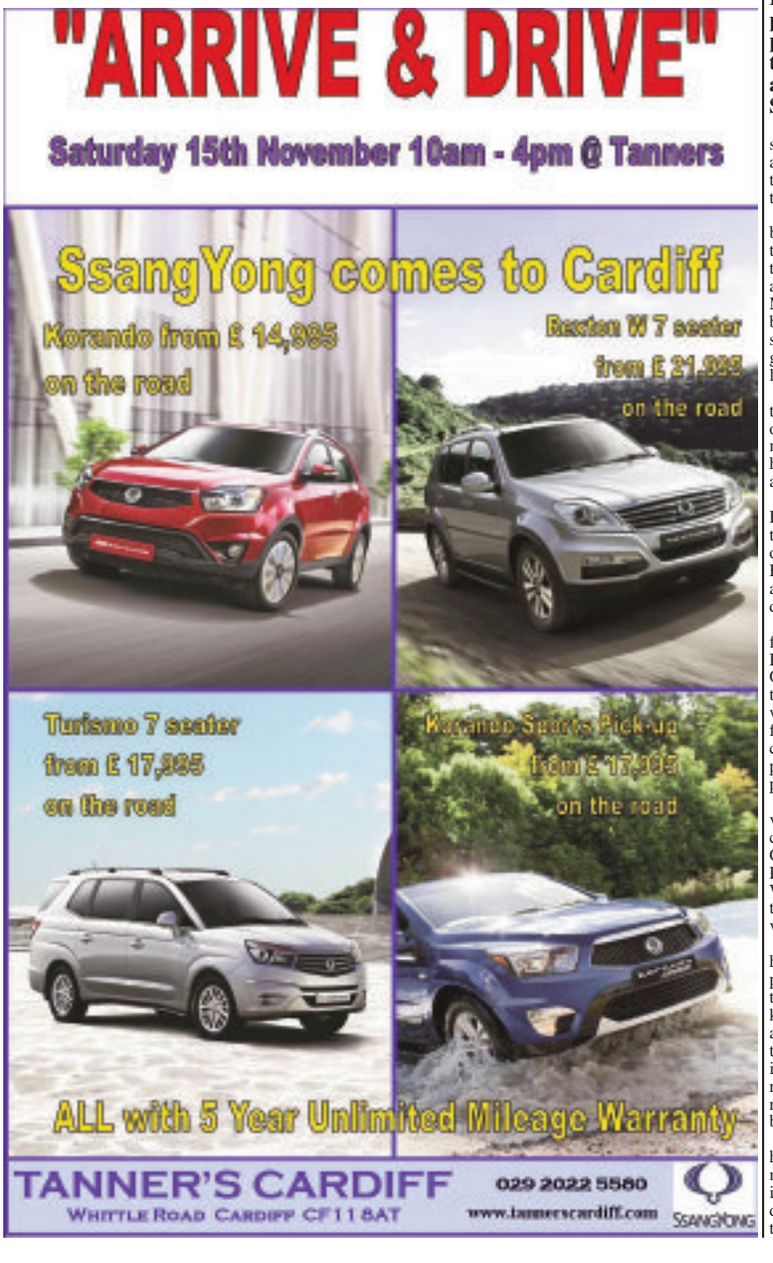

MP visits karate club

VALE MP Alun Cairns visited a talented group of youngsters at Rising Sun Kyokushin karate club recently.

Mr Cairns joined group leader and local footballer Spencer Bennett, where he saw the group in action, and observed the skills and dedication required to achieve a black belt in the martial art.

Mr Cairns said: "I was thrilled to have been invited to visit the club and meet Spencer and his group. I must pay credit to the work undertaken by instructors to train so many children in such a disciplined and skilful martial art.

"What impressed me most was the self-control shown by the youngsters and the dedication shown by the adults in the group. I fully support local clubs that develop the character of children as well as sporting skills often with very limited funding."

Dinas Wolves give six of the best to Sully

IT was a very professional performance from the Dinas Wolves against Sully on Saturday.

Knowing the home side are a strong outfit at this level, Dinas had to be on their game throughout.

Dinas started very brightly. Saunders thought he had opened the scoring but was adjudged to be offside. Moments later Sully broke through and scored a well-worked goal to take an early lead.

This only spurred the team in red and black on. Morris and Stowell made sure the defence had quality balls to allow them to play out.

Doughty, Fifield and Harewood started to win the battle in the middle of the park while Hewitson and Saunders are a force for any defence on their day.

Goals soon came from Saunders, Hewitson, Booker and Quest, the latter being the goal of the game with a one-touch move freeing Booker up to cross to Quest, who powered in a fine back post header.

At the break, the visitors looked very comfortable and O'Brien, Mallam, Frost, Lewis, Mossey and Williams all taking it in turns in defence, coped very well.

The big question was how Wolves would cope playing into the wind; the answer was simple - keep it down and try and play out. Using all their substitutes wisely is key at this age and replacing players regularly was a great benefit to Dinas.

Pereria battled very hard throughout the match showing why he is a key player with his determination showing through. The second half was a battle as Sully threw bodies forward but Mossey, Lewis, O'Brien and Williams showed why they are regarded very highly.

Harewood Doughty and Fifield are all very capable players using the ball wisely to free up Booker and Hewitson wide. Saunders chased every lost ball down, making it very hard for Sully to play out.

Sully managed to pull a goal back but Dinas soon struck again when Doughty popped up in the pocket to rifle home.

The final period of the game saw Frost play in an unfamiliar role but was able to play football and look for an early ball out.

After a few under-par performances when the lads know they could have played a more attractive game, it was very refreshing to see them get back to playing the right way.

Final score Sully 2 Dinas 6; man of the match - Kyle Booker.

LS

Lewis to the rescue for ladies

THIS game between Dinas Ladies FC and Cardiff Ladies was played at a good pace from start to finish, as Dinas ladies showed why you should never give up.

Cardiff got off to a bright start, moving the ball very well and outmuscling the home side in the early encounters. With 15 minutes gone, the visiting team got their reward as their striker finished very well.

Dinas slowly got back into the game and Tracey White looked the best option to draw the game level with a few chances as she moved into a more advanced role, while Gillard was bossing the middle with her strength.

At the break, the game was evenly balanced, even though the home side were trailing.

The second half saw the Dinas ladies stand up and be counted, and for long spells they threw everything at the Cardiff team.

The home side did ride their luck for a 10-minute spell as Cardiff pushed hard and looked very lively on the break but Harold in goal was on fine form.

The wide players from Dinas were again on form, beating their players at times with ease but failing to find the killer pass. Young Howells showed her talent to run with the ball time and time again, but the 'never-say-die' qualities on show were key as L Lewis struck the post with five minutes remaining to fire a warning.

As the game went into injury time, and with the final pass of the game from S Ahmad, Lewis cooly slotted home past the keeper to seal a point for the hard-working Dinas ladies.

Dinas have grown as a team and, with new additions, look more than capable of moving up the table.

LS

13 IS LUCKY FOR SAINTS

BARRY Saints continued their great form with a resounding 13-1 victory over John Davey Builders.

Saints were quick off the mark with Darren Townsend opening the scoring with a well struck effort in the box.

Joey Matthews grabbed the second with a great shot from outside the box finding the bottom corner. Nathan Williams got in on the act finishing well inside the box.

Andrew Townsend grabbed a goal from a quick free kick to leave the keeper stranded, soon after adding a second, finishing easily in a one on one situation.

Williams grabbed a second, finding the bottom corner, before Darren Townsend scored his second, smashing the ball past the keeper.

Andrew Townsend scored a delightful hattrick goal, picking the ball up from a short corner on the edge of the box before placing the ball in to the top corner.

Saints made changes at halftime and with it lost a bit of momentum, conceding a goal from a corner after poor marking.

The goal reignited Barry and Nathan Williams grabbed his hattrick goal, smashing an unstoppable left foot shot from the edge of the box.

Darren Townsend then added another after bursting past his marker to slot into the bottom corner.

Soon after Darren Townsend scored a contender for goal of the season. As the ball fell to him around 35 yards out he hit an outrageous attempt into the top corner.

Joey Matthews added his second after great work on the left; his low shot, which was heading into the bottom corner, was turned in with a little help from the Builders defender.

Darren Townsend added to his tally and finished the scoring with a sidefoot finish into the bottom corner.

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Barry & District LDS Skittle League results

Results for week commencing October 6:

First Division: Pila Palas (M Jones, A Williams 231) 312, Allsorts (C Griffiths 31) 311; Castaways (K Billings 35) 288, Coppers (D Nesbitt 27), 247; Barry Stars (S Phillips, D James 31) 318, SV Gals (S Wride 32) 307; Family Affair (G Davies 27) 244, Colcot LDS (K Miller 27) 238; Family & Friends (H Provis, J Jones, J Phillips, J Kirby 24) 249, Admirals (L Beswick, P Peters, Sue Clemens 24) 224; Bakers Dozen (C Braggins 32) 263, Space Finders (L Jones 24) 245; Cigar LDS (B Gough 32) 304; Special Angels (P Grisdale 31) 263.

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Fourth Division: BFFs (A Finn 28) 210, Odd Bods (V Avient 24) 226; Off The Rails (L McCormack 22) 209, Twilights (P Govier 26) 250; La Belles (C Knight, R Clogg, E Cordy 32) 316, Railway Rogues (B Binding 34) 280.

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THE MMG B ARE STUNNED AS DRAW SNATCHED FROM JAWS OF VICTORY!

PLAYER/manager Lee Galsworthy is still trying to work out how MMG B didn't win this game against FC Barry comfortably.

The opening exchanges were quite cagey with both teams probing each side for signs of weakness. It was a real second division game with lots of old heads on both sides playing in a good competitive spirit.

MMG B stared to get on top and their superior football on the deck had FC Barry on the back foot. The deadlock was duly broken when a free kick was awarded to MMG 25 yards out which was dispatched into the top corner by David Evans.

FC Barry were for the most part playing long ball football which was causing MMG some problems but the back three of Galsworthy, Dave Allen and Paul Edwards, ably assisted by the wing backs of Andrew Mason and David Evans, were coping well.

However, the staunch defence was beaten when a miss-hit cross from Aaron Barnett looped over goalkeeper Ross Liddiard's head and into the net.

This only spurred MMG on and Evans scored again with a solo run seeing him ghost past four FC Barry players before beating Anthony Jones at the near post.

They should have scored again when the hard-working Barrie Coslett failed to put the ball into an empty net with the FC Barry defence and the goalkeeper nowhere in sight, a feat which was unbelievably repeated by Evans in the second half.

The second half started much the same as the first half finished, and a sublime strike from 30 yards from the evergreen Elliot Cayton took the score to 3-1. Paul Murphy was controlling the midfield well and Drew Burniston was working hard up front, but without getting much luck.

MMG continued to press for a fourth but the resolute defence of FC Barry held firm with some weak finishing, sterling last-ditch tackles and some good saves keeping them in the game.

MMG made a couple of substitutions bringing on Mike Evans and Josh Cummings. This did not have the desired effect and a breakaway goal for FC Barry was finished well by striker Sean White.

Gareth Richards of FC started to move forward and was beginning to influence the game. This did not stop the chances from MMG but yet again the defence stood firm with John Harding rolling back the years in a strong display.

MMG made a final roll of the dice by chucking Morgan Rodgers on up front. However, and perhaps inevitably, the game finished all square - although MMG dominated for large periods FC never gave up.

It was another veteran, Julian Webb, who scored the equaliser with seven minutes to go, tapping in from five yards after a great initial save from Liddiard.

MMG would like to thank their sponsor BRT International for their support and for providing them with kit, and would also like to thank the Cwm Talwg pub for their support.

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Vale trainers' Ludlow success

VALE trainers Tim Vaughan and Evan Williams both saddled winners at Ludlow last Thursday.

Tim's seven-year-old First Fandango ran out a 14 lengths winner of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Handicap Chase under Michael Byrne and Evan's promising 7-year-old Buywise, partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, came home an easy three lengths winner of the Racing Welfare Novices' Hurdle.

First Fandango was an 8-1 chance and Buywise, the oldest horse in the race, went off the 10-11 favourite.

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Championship winner Rob Byrne receiving his trophy from club captain Kelvin Chedgzoy (left) and chairman Derek Brook (right).

Paul Swannick with his haul of trophies.

Veteran bowler John Jones.

RECENT recruits to Cadoxton Bowling Club stole the limelight at the annual awards presentation evening in the Victoria Park clubhouse on October 17, recording significant victories over long-time members and veteran bowlers.

The trophies were presented before a packed audience by the club captain Kelvin Chedgzoy and the club chairman Derek Brook, in the absence through illness of the club's president Les Cundliffe.

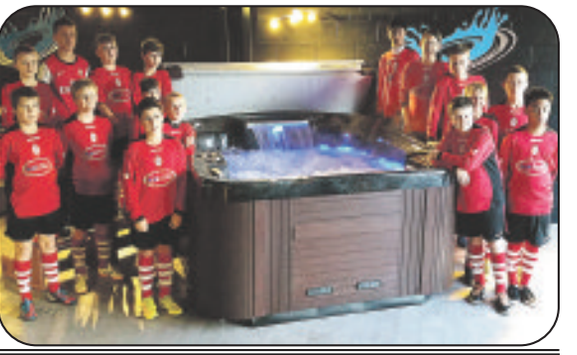
The championship final was won by newcomer Rob Byrne, playing in his first full season, who beat Jim Stacey in a hard-fought match. Recent recruit Paul Swannick did exceptionally well, winning the novices final, the Two Bowl final and being part of the winning team in the Triples final.

Older hands who performed splendidly included David Evans and Ron Harding who won the Pairs championship and John Jones who gained the Jack Hartman trophy.

A very competitive match was played in the Handicap final, with victory going to Steve Clarke over Gordon Davies.

Two special meritorious awards were made. Howard Hellyar, a great supporter of the club's sporting and social activities over the years, was chosen to receive the captains' award for the person who had contributed most to the club's achievements, and Jim Stacey, who cheers up and enlivens every match he plays in, was selected by club members as the personality of the year.

THE HOLTON ROAD JUNIORS LOOK SPA-KLING IN NEW KIT



HOLTON ROAD AFC under-14s are pictured proudly showing off their new football kit, kindly sponsored by Aqua Spas & Pools, Atlantic Gate, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry.

The club would like to thank Julian and Natalie of Aqua Spas & Pools for their support of the team by donating a football kit to the team.

The club rely on the support of sponsors to make sure the boys have the equipment and kit required to progress and grow as individuals and more importantly as a team.

Aqua Spas' generous financial support of grass roots football enabled them to purchase their first kit.

The support from Aqua Spas & Pools is a testament to their approach to their local community.

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

THE jumps season is hotting up and between them, Vale trainers Evan Williams and Tim Vaughan have a number of promising horses which are thought capable of noteworthy improvement.

Well, that's according to the 39th *Timeform Chasers & Hurdlers* annual which runs to over 1,000 pages and contains, in alphabetical sequence, an individual Timeform commentary (with the Timeform Rating) for the 9,185 horses that ran over jumps in Britain last season, plus the pick of the most promising Irish horses that were not seen in Britain.

The wealth of insight contained in this 'bible' of National Hunt racing makes it a must for owners, trainers, riders and jump racing enthusiasts who take their sport seriously.

The three horses from TimVaughan's Aberthin yard which we are to look out for are *Fayette County, Lamool* and *Oscar's Den,* while the ones to watch from Evan Williams' Llancarfan stables are *Barrakilla, Buywise, Copper Birch, Milo Man* and *Prima Porta*.

Last season, Williams finished in 15th place in the trainers' championship, while Vaughan was 21st, just ahead of west Wales trainer Rebecca Curvis. However, it was Pembrokeshire's Peter Bowen who was the top trainer in Wales, finishing in 13th place.

NEW JUMP RACING FESTIVAL AT CHEPSTOW

CHEPSTOW Racecourse will host a two-day jumping festival in 2015. The double header, on October 10-11, will effectively launch the winter jump season in the UK.

The new meeting is one of the highlights of the 2015 fixture list at the Welsh track and other dates include an evening meeting on Saturday, May 30, and the first Sunday fixture in living memory on August 2.

The Coral Welsh National will be run on Sunday, December 27, while there are the usual Bank Holiday dates of Easter Monday (April 6) and Monday, August 31.

Please e-mail your news and views to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or call him on 02920 736438.

Barrivale bridge

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for October 21.

First, Mike Close and Denis Mottram 68.33 per cent; second, Kay Dyer and Noelle Bond, 63.59; third, Peter Millar and Joan Jenkins, 58.75.

Mike Close and Denis Mottram also won on handicap.

The winners of the men's pairs event for 2014 are Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick (*pictured above*).

New members are always welcome at Barrivale, where a partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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Gymnasts from Penarth Gymnastics Club proved to be the best in Wales at the annual Welsh Disability Championships, recently held in Swansea Gymnastics Centre.

They vied with both Welsh gymnasts and in the open section, with the best of Great Britain. At his first ever national event, Ashley Ward achieved silver medals on all three of his four apparatus, and was awarded the gold medal overall and the national title.

In the same category, team mate Charlotte Hitt won two gold medals and was runner-up overall.

David Melly competed in the junior men's category where he won four gold medals and two silver, these results securing him the national title.

Gareth Lloyd and Kiaran Parsons represented the club in the senior men's category, with Gareth placing first and Kiaran second on all six apparatus. Gareth came away as national champion in this category.

Penarth Gymnastics Club is extremely proud of all these gymnasts as they continue to go from strength to strength.

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GYMNASTS WHO ARE SIMPLY THE BEST!

Barry RFC news

UNFORTUNATELY Barry's Swalec Bowl fixture against Hirwaun last weekend was cancelled due to the visitors being unable to field a side, giving Barry a bye into the next round.

This weekend sees a return to league action as the first XV entertain St Albans, kick off 2.30pm, for the last game before the autumn internationals begin.

As there will be little or no rugby at the club during this period, would those selling Christmas draw tickets please try to return them this weekend, after which they will need to be left at the bar with Carol.

Remember, the draw is due to take place on Saturday, December 6, which coincides with the first team fixture at Taffs Well.

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Lacklustre Dinas Powys FC made to pay by the Rangers

THIS was a lacklustre performance by Dinas Powys FC against Penrhiwceiber Rangers; Dinas' concentration seemed poor and they never really looked like winning the game.

In their defence they were without influential Pakistan international Atif Bashir who was unavailable and goalkeeper James Curtin was rooted to his goalline for all of the second half after a heavy collision with an opponent in the second minute of the second half where he sustained a leg injury.

Ceiber tried a shot straight from the kick off which Curtin gathered and Dinas had a brief good spell of possession without creating anything.

Ceiber were then awarded a free kick from 25 yards which the Dinas defence dealt with and the first real chance came when the hosts' Warren Jones got his head to a cross from the right but his effort was just wide.

However, in the 10th minute it was Jones again, reacting quickly to a cross from the left for a simple tap-in for 1-0.

A minute later Dinas had a half chance, Keiron James setting Ryan Garland up but his shot was off target.

Penrhiwceiber looked dangerous going forward and some neat interplay between Leigh Smith, Decland Hansonspur and Alex Jones forced a corner which came to nothing.

At the other end a through ball reached Ben Ah-Mun; he was forced out wide on the left but got a shot away which keeper Kit Sawyer could only parry and Jon Dakin, following in, sidefooted the ball home for the equaliser with 20 minutes gone.

After a couple of free kicks for both sides which came to nothing a good through ball from Dakin played Ah-Mun in one on one with the keeper but he was adjudged marginally offside.

Ceiber's centre-half Ross Leeke was winning most of the high balls into their area and it was he who played a ball straight through the middle to striker Ryan Buchman who tried to lob Curtin but his shot was just over the bar. Buchman was booked soon after this for a foul on James Marr and then appeared to substitute himself, Nathan King taking his place.

A good run by Luke Swaffield produced a corner for Dinas which was unproductive and it was Penrhiwceiber always looking the more dangerous and they came very close to taking the lead again when Smith lobbed Curtin, the ball hitting the crossbar and Curtin dropping on it with the Ceiber forwards closing in. They kept up the pressure for the last five minutes of the half, Smith getting another shot away from an acute angle which hit the side netting but Dinas hung on to keep the score level at the break.

Curtin needed extensive treatment at the start of the second half after the collision but he soldiered on, hobbling around unable to take goal kicks or goal clearances, having to throw the ball out to his full-backs.

Ceiber sensed it was their chance to press the game and they forced an early corner, dealt with by the Dinas defence, and at the other end Dinas had a half chance when Nicky Bruce found Ah-Mun with a good ball, who in turn managed to get a corner from his persistence; Bruce took the corner and James Marr headed goalward but his effort was over the bar.

Dinas then rang the changes, bringing on their young striker King Junior Mwedzo in place of Ryan Garland with just 12 minutes of the half gone.

Despite Mwedzo chasing everything, it was still the home side doing most of the pressing with Smith finding King with a cross. He shot wide but they did get the ball in the net when a free kick was fired deep into the box, Smith bundling it home but the linesman's flag went up for offside.

Dinas then made their second substitution, Swaffield making way for Jasper Morgan with 20 minutes remaining. Dinas managed to rally for a while, Bruce forcing two consecutive corners and from the second one Mike Lazarou got a header in but it was over the bar.

The Dinas defence started pushing up catching Ceiber offside on numerous occasions but eventually they took the lead, Dean Brown lobbing the injured Curtin for 2-1 with 10 minutes remaining.

Dinas tried to get back in the game, James feeding Mwedzo who was adjudged offside and James then put in a storming run down the left but was eventually crowded out. With five minutes remaining Penrhiwceiber made the game safe when a free kick by Warren Jones was fired home by Buchman from eight yards with Curtin unable to get across his box to attempt a save. At the end of the day the hosts deserved the win.

Dinas: 1 James Curtin, 2 Luke Swaffield, 3 Nicky Bruce, 4 James Bloxham (c), 5 James Marr, 6 Mike Lazarou, 7 Ryan Garland, 8 Steve Provis, 9 Ben Ah-Mun, 10 Jon Dakin, 11 Keiron James, 12 Jasper Morgan, 14 King Junior Mwedzo.

Cwmbran Celtic are the visitors to the Murch on Saturday November 1 when kick off times revert to 2pm.

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MMG dig in to earn their victory

AFTER slipping to third in the league, and SP close on their tails, MMG knew that three points were a must against their pursuers.

A boggy Severn Avenue pitch would favour the visitors but MMG knew that they couldn't lose the free flowing football philosophy that has served them well so far.

The game started well with both midfields battling for dominance. A change in formation and a solid defensive line of Miles Harvey, James Spear, James Carling and Nick Ball allowed the midfield and attackers to get on the ball and it wasn't long before MMG started to dictate play.

The front three of James Mason, Josh Mazey and Dimitri Fallas were causing the SP back line no end of problems.

The first goal came when great midfield interplay allowed Fallas to burst down the left wing, beat two defenders and square the ball for James Mason to fire in his sixth goal of the season.

The rest of the first half was played out in similar fashion with MMG unlucky not to add to their lead. The second half started and MMG knew that with only a one goal lead they would have to stay completely focused.

Great feet from Josh Mazey, and a clumsy tackle from the defender resulted in a free kick just outside the box. MMG were unlucky not to double their lead when Dimitri Fallas stepped up and fired just over the bar.

As a result of the foul on Josh Mazey, he had to be replaced and on came Anthony Connell who immediately settled in to the game. The midfield three of Rhys Jenkins, Courtney Aviet and Michael Fallas battled for every ball and were determined not to let SP get the upper hand.

Towards the end of the game, MMG's resolve was tested when a few suspect tackles and off the ball incidents threatened to upset the flow of the game, but MMG dug in and the introduction of Paul Eveleigh seemed to calm everybody down.

Another clean sheet victory for MMG and a good performance from goalkeeper James Prothero, who, when called upon, kept the score at 1-0.

There were fantastic performances from all 13 players involved but man of the match was awarded to Michael Fallas for a dominant display at the heart of the midfield.

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